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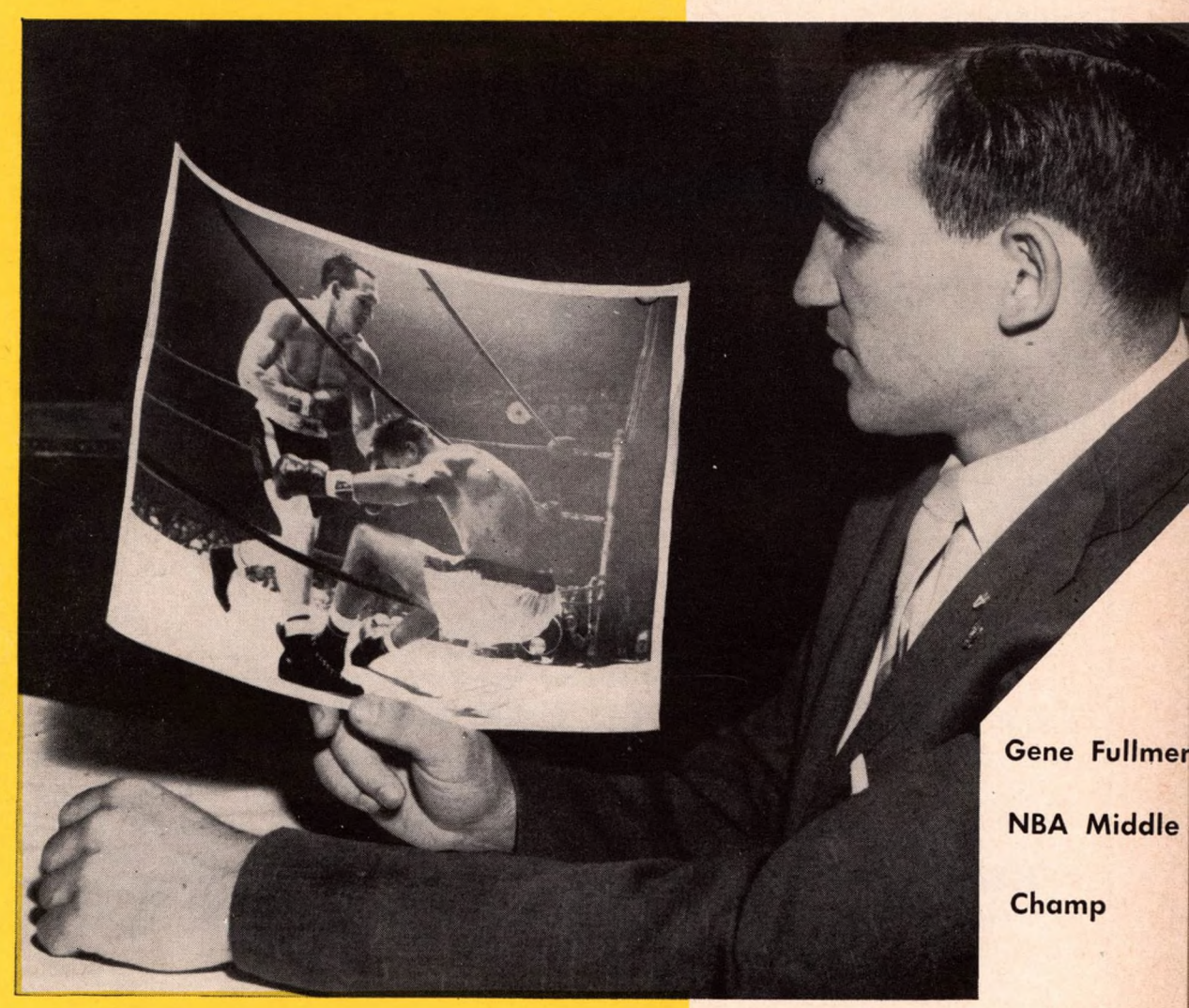

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NO MOORE WANTED

Gentlemen:

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Harold Johnson who has been the top contender for many years and who would probably take the title from Moore is the real victim.

Harold A. Sheldon
Tampa, Fla.

HIGH PRAISE

Gentlemen:

I am a new reader of The Ring Magazine which I purchased due to my love for wrestling. You certainly give us the inside gossip and facts as well as keep us up to the minute on what is going on in the game all over the world.

I ran into Hackenschmidt, the famous oldtimer, the other day, and he was most full of praise for your publication. Incidentally, did you know that he still works out with young wrestlers? (Ed. Note: Hackenschmidt is an octogenarian.)

William F. Rhodes
New York City

NO LOSE FACE

Regarding the article "Warning to Swindlers" run in The Ring.

On Monday Sept. 21, 1959, I went to the Massachusetts Athletic Commission. This was in reference to the Archie Whitfield case which you know about.

They completely absolved me in every way and lifted my suspension. They also told me they were sorry they were misinformed as to some of the facts, and it was necessary for me to appear up there as it was Commission procedure. It so happened I told them I never thought the Athletic Commission was like the Army in judging a man guilty before he goes to trial.

I had a pretty good story on me in The Ring about this Whitfield episode. Let's see if this story can give me a little face back with the public.

Al Braverman

TWO STARS

Dear Sirs:

Several issues ago, at my request, you were kind enough to mention my name and address as president of the RICKI STARR FAN CLUB.

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Allan Shaw
New York City

THE BROKEN PROMISE?

Dear Sirs:

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You have broken this promise! The last few issues have contained photographs of women wrestlers which most certainly give offense. I am definitely *not* leaving the current edition on my library table—not with pictures of semi-naked women romping about in a mud-bath! Since when had this sort of thing constituted "Sport," in any sense of the word?

I buy your magazine to read the finest, most factual and complete boxing accounts published in the world. To this end, I tolerate the many pictures of fat, hairy clowns indulging in mock battles, which today passes as 'Wrestling'. These pathetic, second-rate play-actors and their ludicrous, rehearsed tumblings, even with sound effects and imitation blood, are a far cry from Hackenschmidt, Gotch, Gama and the rest.

What happened to *real* wrestling? Where did it go? Wrestlers today cannot even be rated properly, except by "popularity." The average crowd wouldn't know a genuine match if it saw one! As long as there are gimmicks, histrionics, comedy routines and displays of childish temper, it satisfies them. I refuse to believe that anyone watching these matches doubts that they are faked.

Robert M. Ellis
Victoria, B. C., Canada

HANDLED POORLY

Dear Sirs:

Denny Moyer is young; and very possibly a future champion. Unfortunately, he has been handled poorly. In July, Moyer lost to Don Jordan in a welterweight championship fight. According to your magazine, Moyer looked a year or more away from a title fight. It took no genius to tell that Moyer would have no chance. He had had twenty fights in two years before the Jordon fiasco. He had won all twenty fights, but among the people he had defeated were only two legitimate contenders. Moyer defeated Martinez by quite a bit. Moyer was given a decision over Gasper Ortega, although Ortega beat Moyer fairly decisively. Moyer should have fought at least four or five other contenders before even considering going after Jordan. Chances are that now Moyer will not get another title shot for quite a while. I am, naturally, a fan of Denny's, and this mismanaging disturbs me.

Alex Catlin
Portland, Ore.

A BIG TO DO

Dear Sirs:

As far as I am concerned the Fullmer-Basilio "Title" match was a big to do about nothing. Sugar Ray Robinson is still champ and both Fullmer and Basilio know it. I for one will not recognize Fullmer as champ until he meets and beats Sugar Ray, and he couldn't beat Ray Robinson with a stick.

Also, I still do not agree with your making Johansson Fighter of the Year. All he did was swing a heavy right and KO Machen in one and Patterson in three. Whereas Archie Moore had to crawl off the floor four times and when everyone had thought him beaten come back and knock Durelle out. This took a combination of boxing skill, knowledge, and ability plus plain guts that Johansson does not now and will never have.

Craig Marshall
Los Angeles, California

UNFAIR—UNETHICAL?

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your information an article appearing in the Sunday, August 30th, 1959 issue of "The Salt

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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

Nat Fleischer will be a judge for the world flyweight championship contest to be held at Tokyo, Japan with Pascual Perez, one of the better small men to wear a crown in recent years, defending his laurels against Sadao Yaoita the only man to ever defeat Perez in his pro career. "Mr. Boxing" will give his readers a ringside report of the fight including all the color that goes into a world title fight held outside the United States. In addition The Ring's capable staff of photographers will cover the bout from every angle.

The January issue of The Ring will bring to its readers another of those Ring Detective Specials by Dan Daniel:—"Did Tom Sharkey Actually Beat Jim Jeffries?" He did? He didn't? Read the next issue and you'll have the answer.

Yearly since 1954 boxers have been nominated for and elected to "Boxing Hall of Fame". Those selected are divided into three groups: The Pioneers . . . selected by the Board of Governors; The Oldtimers, selected by a committee of newspaper men on the basis of fighters having boxed over thirty-five years ago; and, The Modern Group, selected by hundreds of newspapermen as well as radio and television reporters. To date fifty-two men have been voted into the Hall of Fame.

The results of the 1959 voting will be announced in the January Issue of The Ring along with biographical material and photos of those elected.

In addition The Ring will bring you its usual coverage of boxing contests held around the world, action photos, wrestling, new faces coming into boxing and full length biographies of established fighters plus its many other usual features.

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Archie the actor, possibly his new vocation. Seen here in a scene from Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn", Archie plays Jim. He had to beat out several professional actors to get the part.

By DAN DANIEL

WILL MOORE RETIRE?

Is Movie Actor Moore, At Age 46, Leaning Toward Easier Life?

SOME time, some day, Archie Moore and Ray Robinson are quite likely to meet in the ring. Events appear to be leading up to the match. Carmen Basilio's defeat by Gene Fullmer eliminated a third fight between Carmen and Robinson, and now Moore and Robinson seem to be edging up to each other.

The loss of the rich takings which would come to him in a contest with Basilio should make Ray more tractable, and more eager to grab opportunity as it presents itself.

Meanwhile, there is no immediate plan on Moore's part to engage Robinson. Seen in Hollywood, California, during the World Series, Moore evidenced a keen interest in his blossoming career as a movie actor. He came in from location on the river at Stockton, where he was playing Jim in "Huckleberry Finn", and winning the plaudits of his director and fellow actors. It is possible that Archie is considering retirement from the ring.

"I am very much taken with this movie work, and perhaps it points to a fresh career for me," Moore said. *"I won the part over a lot of professional actors and I am told that I have a flair for the work.*

"Now, as to fighting Robinson. You know, we have had some talk about that, but conditions were not ripe, or right. Maybe Robinson wanted too much. Maybe he overlooked the fact that I am the acknowledged, official, universally recognized light heavyweight champion, and quite a draw.

"Well, that's been simmering, and in the meantime I am doing the movie, and perhaps things will jell."

WILL NOT BEG INGE FOR SHOT AT TITLE

Asked about reports, possibly encouraged by Jack Kearns, that there was a chance of his meeting Ingemar Johansson in Sweden or London, Archie replied, *"I am not getting down on my hands and knees to beg Johansson to fight me. I don't have to do that with any man.*

"Strange how things turn out. I was in London before my fight with James J. Parker in Toronto. That was in 1956. I stopped Parker in the ninth on July 25.

"Well, I ran into Johansson and he begged me to give him a fight. I told him that I had a commitment in Toronto, and Ed Ahlquist and he insisted that I postpone the Parker match and meet Ingemar.

"I told them that I had signed a contract in good faith with the Toronto people, and that I would give him consideration after the Parker fight. Well, as you know, the match with Floyd Patterson in Chicago came along, and Johansson disappeared from my plans."

Moore's mention of the Patterson fight brought up questions about its authenticity.

"I know that some guys say I threw the fight to Patterson, that I could not have looked so bad, and been stopped in five rounds, by this boy, if the fight had been on the level.

"Well, consider the situation as it confronted me in November 1956.

WAS SO EAGER, HE TRAINED HIMSELF STALE

"I faced the chance to become the heavyweight champion of the world, to make all the money which went with the title. What a darned fool I would have been to approach that fight with anything but the determination to stop Floyd.

"I was so eager, I was so determined, that I overdid it. I worked harder for that fight than ever before, or since. I was not content to work with sparring partners. I took on fighters in training. I never was so sure of anything as I was of beating Patterson.

"Imagine my chagrin, my alarm, when I got into the ring and found that I could not untrack myself. The ring padding felt as if it were a foot deep. I couldn't maneuver. I was dead stale, and you know what happened.

"So if you ever again hear anybody accusing me of taking a dive that night, give the stupid man the laugh."

Then Moore talked about his training for the first fight with Yvon Durelle, on December 10, 1958, in Montreal, the battle in which Archie was knocked down time after time, and in which he came back to stop the fisherman in the eleventh round. One of the greatest fights on record.

If Moore trained too hard for Patterson, he trained too carelessly for Durelle. This situation was reversed for the second battle with Yvon, on August 12, 1959, again in Montreal, in which Moore ripped the Canadian in three heats.

"I learned my lesson in that first fight with Durelle," Moore reminisced. *"I was all excited about helping my pal Thompson in his band career and chased around on his behalf when I should have been working hard.*

"My trainer hollered murder. He begged me to take a more serious view of the fight. But I insisted that I would come into the ring in top shape. I guess I was wrong," Archie went on.

"When Durelle knocked me down three times in the first round, I prayed. I said, 'Oh, God, let me last through this round, and if you do this, I will beat this man.' The good Lord heard me. But it was very close.

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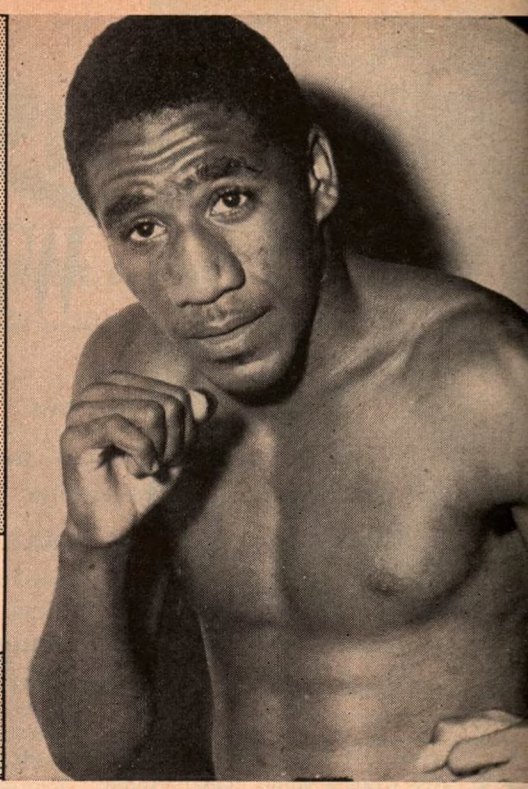
SUCCESSFUL INVASION BY *Cubans*



Cuban welterweight champion Luis Rodriguez, whose two United States appearances produced impressive victories over Virgil Akins and Rudell Stitch.

Fistic Pearls from Pearl of the Antilles Help Enliven International Boxing Scene

By JERSEY JONES

ONE of the most remarkable developments in the vast, diversified realm of international sport has been the steady expansion of Latin-American influence in major athletic activities throughout the United States.

Particularly in baseball and boxing, the Spanish-speaking lands of the West Indies, Mexico and Central and South America are becoming more and more conspicuous in competition with their Yankee brethren.

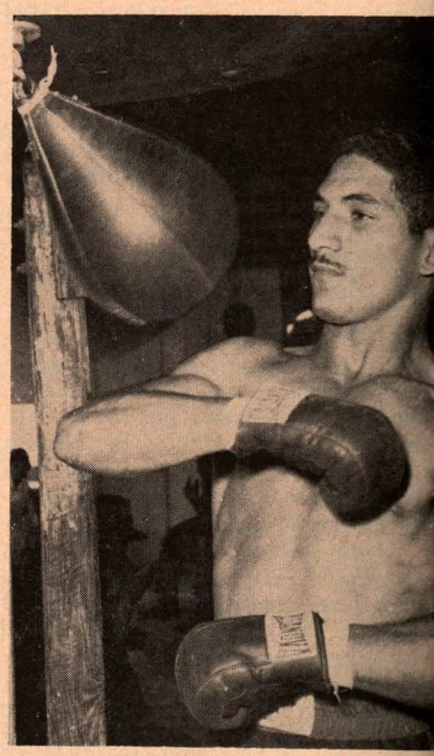
During the 1959 baseball campaign, the lineups of the National and American league clubs were loaded with such entries as Aparicio, Minosa, Lopez, Clemente, Mejia, Amoroso, Rivera, Arias, Pasqual, Ramos, Herrera, Fernandez, Cepeda, Miranda and Becquer, to list only some of the many contributions our neighbors to the south made to what had once been an exclusive national pastime of the United States.

Latin-American roles have been no less significant in boxing, particularly since the general decline, in both quality and quantity, of homebred Yanks.

In the most recent Ring ratings, one Argentino (flyweight Pascual Perez) and one Mexican (bantamweight Jose Becerra) held world titles, and among the eighty names listed in the various divisions' Top Ten were no less than fourteen representatives of the Argentine, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, Panama and Venezuela.

That's a tremendous percentage when you consider that The Ring ratings cover the entire world and such outstanding boxing nations as Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, the Philippines, Japan and Australia, as well as the United States.

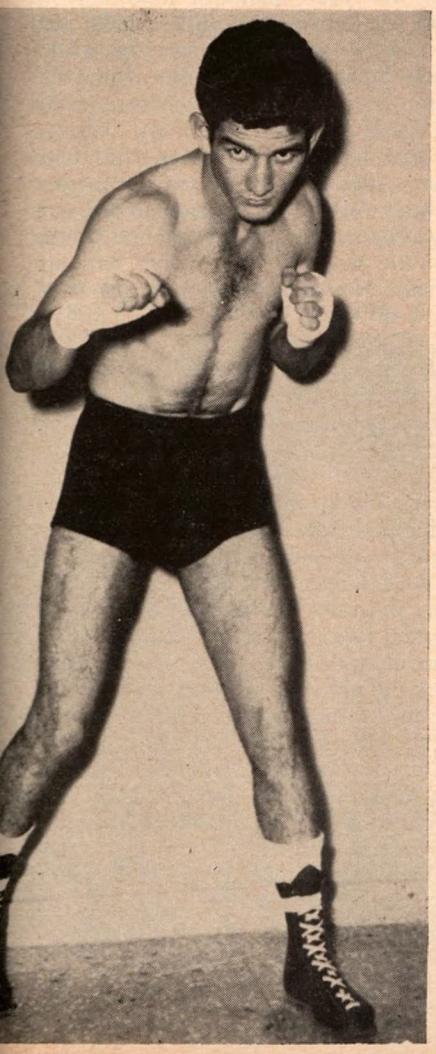
The popularity of glove-tossing is not, of course, a recent development down yonder. It began during the post-World War I era and in these busy four decades many a colorful chapter in ring history has been authored by such distinguished performers as Luis Angel Firpo, Jose Lombardo, Luis Vicentini, Ramon Castillo, Black Bill, Panama Al Brown, Justo Suarez, Kid Chocolate, Manuel Quintero, Kid Azteca, Baby Arizmendi, Angel Clivelle, Sixto Escobar, Arturo Godoy, Pedro Montanez, Vittorio Campolo, Kid Tunero, Nino Valdes,



Florentino Fernandez, who displayed terrific punching power in demolishing Stefan Redl and scoring two knockdowns over durable Gaspar Ortega.

(Above) 19-year-old featherweight Urtiminio Ramos, who moved into international ratings by pounding out decision over ringwise Victor (Sonny) Leon.

(Below) Island lightweight champion Rolando (Chico) Morales, who invaded United States to post victories over Ike Vaughn and Tommy Tibbs.



Orlando Zulueta, Kid Gavilan, Raul Raton Macias and the horde of other ringsters of assorted talents emanating from Latin-American climes.

CURRENT "PEARLS OF THE ANTILLES"

Second only to larger and more populous boxing-mad Mexico, Cuba boasts the finest collection of young ring aspirants in the world today. At least a half-dozen of the island republic's current fistic products seem capable of qualifying for world title bouts, with better than outside chances of winning.

The best of the talented lot are welterweights Luis Rodriguez, Florentino Fernandez and Benny (Kid) Paret, lightweights Rolando (Chico) Morales and Douglas Vaillant, featherweight Urtiminio (Sugar) Ramos and flyweight Hiram Bacallao. Their ages range from 19 (Ramos) to 23 (Fernandez). Among them they have accounted for a total of 139 wins and four draws against only eleven defeats and one no contest in 155 outings. Of their victories, 64, more than half, have been by knockouts.

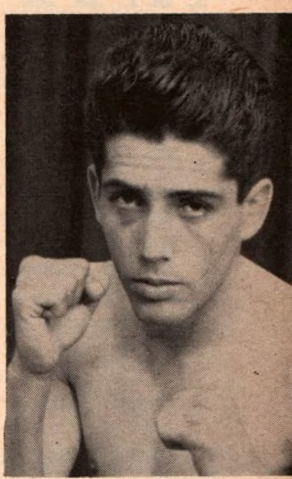
With the exceptions of Bacallao, who has done all his fighting in Cuba, and Ramos, whose only jaunt away from his native heath was to Venezuela, these latest Pearls of the Antilles have all been seen in United States rings and made tremendous impressions on the witnesses.

The welterweights, Rodriguez, Fernandez and Paret have appeared on national television here. Rodriguez, 22, holder of the Cuban title, lambasted former world champion Virgil Akins in Miami Beach and outsped dangerous Rudell Stitch in the latter's home town, Louisville. In Havana rings, Rodriguez's main performance have included knockouts of Charley Scott, Joe Miceli and Cecil Shorts and decisions over Gomeo Brennan and Larry Baker.

A terrific puncher, especially with a left hook, Fernandez also has accounted for two spectacular triumphs on TV. He demolished Stefan Redl in New York and scored a couple of knockdowns in trouncing Gaspar Ortega in Miami Beach. The Ortega bout halted a consecutive knockout streak that had reached fourteen. Prior to his television showings in the United States, Fernandez had confined his fighting to Cuban rings where, among others, he had knocked out Rocky Randell, Eddie Armstrong and Paddy DeMarco.

Paret, 22, did quite a bit of fighting at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York during the 1958-59 campaign, and in his one opportunity to appear on television he lost a close, disputed decision to Gaspar Ortega in Madison Square Garden. Since then, Benny journeyed to Puerto Rico to spot considerable poundage to well-publicized Jose Torres and hold him to an official draw. Most of the onlookers thought Paret had won.

Both lightweights, Morales and Vaillant, have boxed in the United States but not in television appearances. Chico, in two showings in Miami Beach, whipped Ike Vaughn and Tommy Tibbs. Vaillant, in a pair of semi-finals in Madison Square Garden, outclassed Jimmy Grow but was somewhat of a disappointment in losing to Chico Rollins. It was reported later, however, that he hadn't fully recovered from an attack of virus.



Fast, rugged, hard-hitting Hiram Bacallao, whom Cubans are touting as a future world flyweight champion.

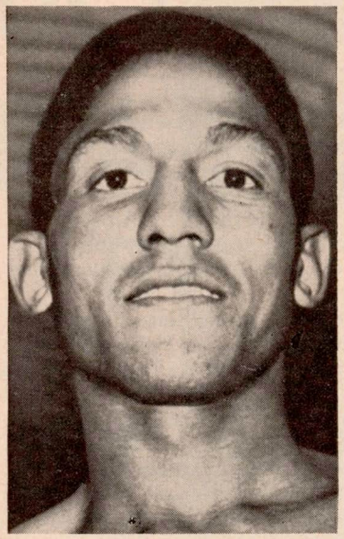
MIGHTY LITTLE MITES

Unbeaten Ramos established headline qualifications when he journey to Venezuela recently to whip formidable Victor (Sonny) Leon. Boxing only two years, teen-aged Ramos has accounted for fourteen knockouts in his seventeen victories, but Leon is the only "name" opponent he has faced so far. Off that performance, however, the youngster would seem to shape up as potential world championship material.

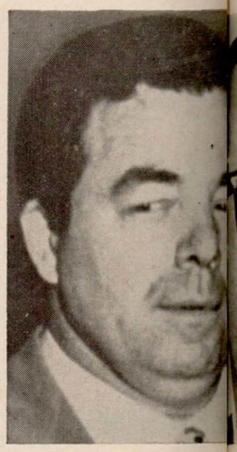
Bacallao, 21, also has been fighting only two years, and his experience is limited to an even dozen bouts, but Cubans are confident he is headed straight for the world flyweight title. Fast, rugged and a stiff puncher for a little fellow, Bacallao has suffered only one defeat to date, dropping a decision to countryman Jose Oliva, but in a return match he trounced Oliva for the Cuban title. Pound for pound, many Cuban authorities regard Bacallao as the best fighter in Cuba today, but he isn't likely to be seen in any important bouts in the United States. Unfortunately, flyweights have become extinct here.

Cuba, the Pearl of the Antilles, has an interesting collection of fistic pearls of her own these days. This boxing industry can well use them.

Where Will It All Lead?



Left to right—World champion welterweight, Don Jordan, whose manager, Don Nesseth, triggered the California investigation; Frankie Carbo, reputed Czar of boxing, with long criminal record; Joseph Sica, Los Angeles sports promoter with extended record of arrests and Blinky Palermo, Philadelphia racketeer.



Left to right—Truman Gibson, Jr., Chicago Attorney and head of Jim Norris' National Enterprises, Inc., successor to the Chicago International Boxing Club and Louis Tom Dragna, West Covina, Cal., clothing store owner, each of whom is under indictment.

Vincent J. Vellela (left), majority stockholder of Bill Rosensohn Enterprises and his attorney, Sol Gelb, at New York State Boxing investigation of the Patterson-Johansson promotion shenanigans.

NAT FLEISCHER *Says*

THE nation-wide roundup by the F.B.I. of four men it accuses of extortion is a swift Federal crackdown on racketeers following the exposure in the messy New York case involving the men behind the promotion of the Johansson-Patterson world heavyweight championship fight. With four underworld figures in the round-up, the government agencies responsible for bringing a showdown of criminal influence behind America's boxing are confident that at long last they have broken the backbone of organized hoodlumism that has brought the sport down to the lowest level since the days of the bare-knuckle era.

That the name of Truman Gibson, president of Jim Norris' National Boxing Enterprises' Inc., is associated with the unholy four, is a surprise. He has been indicted by California's Federal Grand Jury as the one who, it is alleged, used his influence to get Don Nesseth, manager of Don Jordan, to give up an interest in his fighter to the quartet of racketeers—Frankie Carbo, Blinky Palermo, Joe Sica and Louis Tom Dragna, which charge Gibson emphatically denies.

The Federal trial to be held in California, will be followed with deep interest throughout the world. Already "The People" of London, a Sunday paper with a circulation larger than any in the world, is running a series of articles on the latest upheaval in boxing written by its world sports writing traveller, Maurice Smith.

Why such international interest? Because the conviction of Carbo, Palermo, Dragna and Sica will be the first break in the chain that has been tightly wound around world boxing by Carbo and his mobsters. Regardless of the results of the trials, the effect on the sport will be felt world-wide since the newly organized World Wide Promotions, a concern in which Jim Norris, Truman Gibson, Jack Solomons of London and Edwin Ahlquist, advisor of Ingemar Johansson, are partners, are sure to suffer no matter what the verdict in Gibson's trial.

Norris and Gibson set up this international organization with the aid of his European partners for the purpose of handling the future affairs of Johansson so as to get a grip on the heavyweight title which was lost to them when Cus D'Amato broke away from the I.B.C., and Madison Square Garden. But with the indictment of Gibson, it is doubtful if Johansson will play ball with the World Wide outfit.

Gibson for the past ten years has been the right hand bower to Norris, the multi-millionaire, who was forced by Judge Ryan's Anti-Trust decision to sell out his interests in the Garden of New York but whose organization stages the world's major fights without New York in its circuit. No one man has more resources to work with because of Norris' millions than Truman Gibson.

He is, and has been for several years, the mastermind of the Norris' outfit hence the reason why boxing followers are speculating on the future of the sport in this country due to the charges against Gibson.

When the International Boxing Club was in its zenith, the word of Gibson was decisive in-so-far as the matchmaking for both the Friday and Wednesday night television shows was concerned and under the break up of the I.B.C., Gibson has continued to take over the Wednesday programs and has carried them to all parts of the United States, Cuba and Canada.

Johansson, in this country on business, has declared that no matter what the outcome of the Federal trials, he will give Patterson a return bout before he engages in any other contest, and that such bout will not be held in Philadelphia, as has been announced. Nor will it be staged with any of those involved either in the Federal case or the New York investigation unless such person or persons are cleared.

This attitude leaves the World Wide Promotions without his services, should Gibson be convicted. It has been disclosed by Jack Dempsey that a second contract has been signed, giving Johansson a return bout with Patterson should Ingemar lose to Floyd. This is being looked into by State Attorney General Lefkowitz as a possible violation of the Anti-Trust laws since such agreement stifles competition in the heavyweight class. If the second bout is held in New York, a contract calling for a third one if the title changes hands, would also violate the State Athletic Commission rules, sewing up a fighter. Thus the mess grows thicker and thicker.

Though muscling-in on a fighter is not new in boxing, the methods pursued in the past few years whereby the Carbo mobsters have stolen fighters or have declared themselves in on the management without regard to payments, is new. In the prohibition era gangsters like Owney Madden, Frenchy Demange, Bill Duffy, Frankie Yale, Marty Krompier, Al Capone, Lucky Luciano, Boo Boo Hoff, Kid Dropper, Spanish Joe, Frankie Marlow, Legs Diamond, John Torrio, Mad Dog Vincent Coll, Eddie Coco and Vannie Higgins among many others took over many top fighters from legitimate managers but always paid for the privilege. But in recent years, under the guidance of Carbo, triggerman for Murder Inc., things have changed.

There isn't an honest person associated with the boxing game who hasn't welcomed the action of District Attorney Hogan of New York, Attorney General Most of California and the Kefauver Crime Commission in bringing to light the abominable conditions in boxing. These conditions would not exist if the various boxing commissions paid more attention to the

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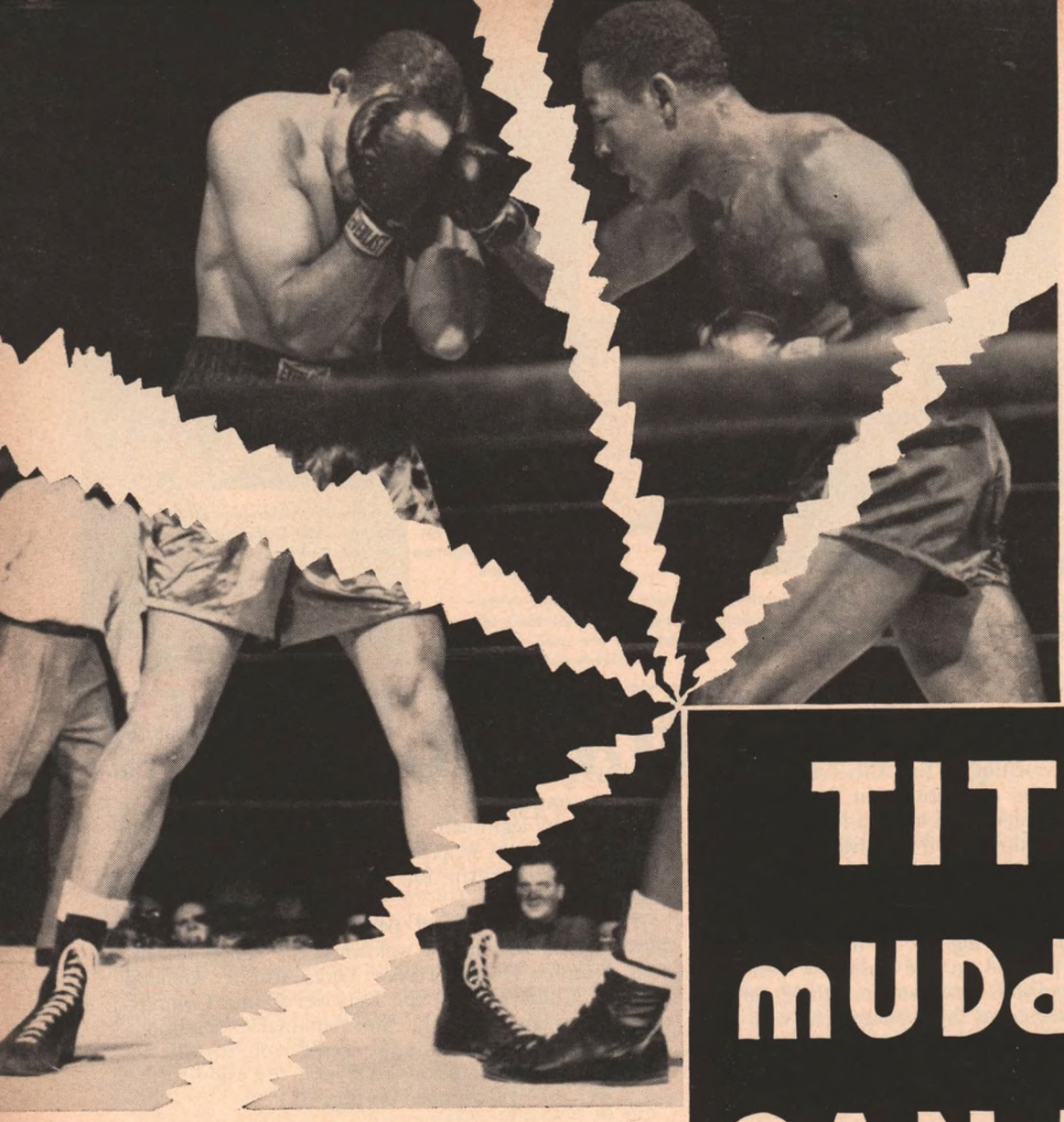
Bill Rosensohn, resigned head of the organization that handled the Patterson-Johansson promotion and Cus D'Amato, manager of Floyd (right), each of whom has been the subject of attack in New York's investigation.



Ezzard Charles, NBA world heavy champ, became universal crown holder by defeating Joe Louis, who was on comeback trail, in a 15 round unanimous decision in Yankee Stadium, N. Y. on September 27, 1950. By so doing Ezz gained public interest in the heavyweights

TITLE mUDdLeS CAN HELP

By AL BUCK

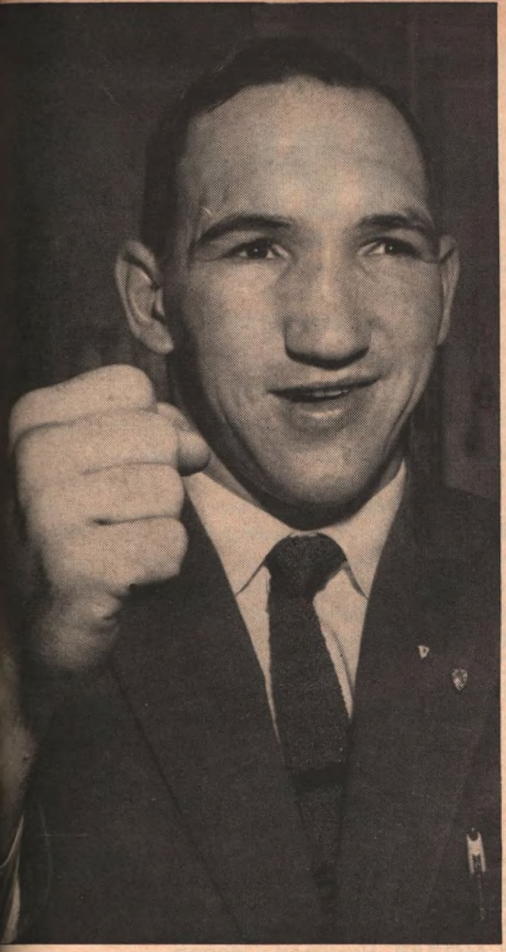
THE middleweights are in a muddle, not a mess, and it could be in the best interest of boxing. As every fan knows there are two champions—Sugar Ray Robinson and Gene Fullmer—and the contenders, long denied a chance at the crown, have at last reason to hope that opportunity will knock.

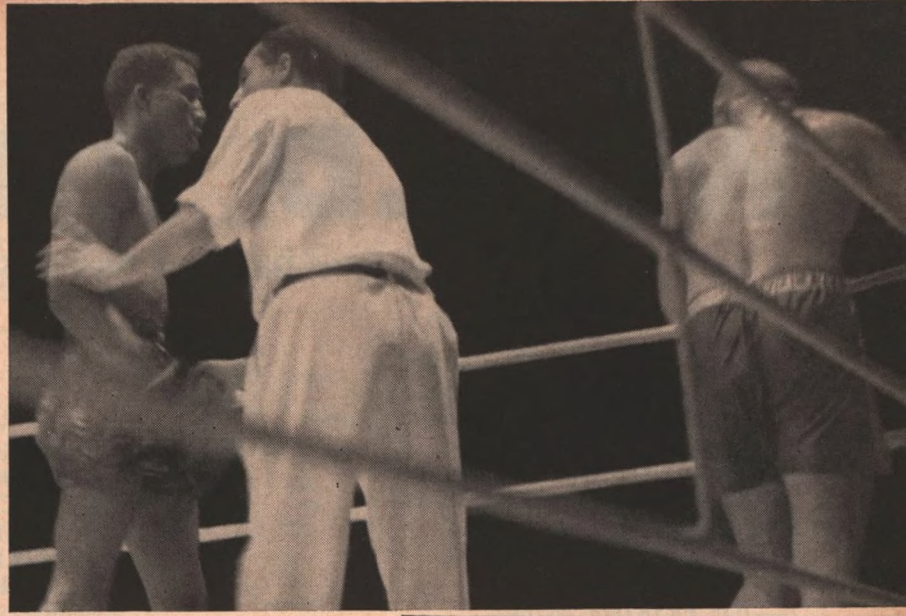
Robinson is recognized as world champion in New York and Massachusetts. Fullmer is the National Boxing Association's middleweight champion. The obvious solution would be for them to meet and settle the issue in the ring, but it might not be the best one.

Sugar Ray won the title for the fifth time when he outpointed Carmen Basilio in Chicago on March 25, 1957. He hasn't defended it since, except in court and before the New York State Athletic Commission. For 18 months the contenders, Basilio and Fullmer among them, marked time waiting for Robinson to fight.

It was Robinson's inactivity that caused the NBA to declare the title vacant. To fill the void Basilio and Fullmer, both ex-champions, fought in San Francisco last August. Gene stopped Carmen, and now we have a situation similar to the muddle that prevailed in the Thirties. It started when Mickey Walker, the famed Toy Bulldog, relinquished the championship.

Walker quit the 160-pound division for only one reason. He could make more money as a heavyweight contender. He fought a 15-round draw with Jack Sharkey, defeated King Levinsky and Paulino Uzcudun, and while losing to Johnny Risko went on to be knocked out by Max Schmeling. In the meantime the middleweight title was up for grabs.





In 1931 Mickey Walker gave up the middleweight crown causing a muddle that saw Gorilla Jones recognized by the NBA and Ben Jeby by N. Y. Above we see Jones being defeated by Marcel Thil for the NBA crown. The muddle added interest and wasn't settled until 1941 when Tony Zale defeated Georgi Abrams to win universal recognition. At left, Gene Fullmer, N.B.A. champ and at right, Ray Robinson, N.Y. middle king, seen shaking hands with Carmen Basilio before winning the middle title back from Carmen. Ray's idleness has proved costly.

Both the New York Commission and the NBA conducted tournaments. In New York Ben Jeby came out on top when he outpointed Chuck Devlin in 15 rounds. Gorilla Jones won the NBA version in bouts with Tiger Thomas and Oddone Piazzo. Then he went to Paris and lost his claim to the crown to the Frenchman Marcel Thil. He lost it on a foul in the 11th round.

Meanwhile Jeby was busy. He defended the New York version of the title by knocking out Frank Battaglia and defeating Young Terry. He also fought a draw with Vince Dundee. He lost it when he was knocked out in seven rounds by Lou Brouillard, a southpaw.

Thil campaigned successfully by defeating Len Harvey, the British champion, and Eric Seelig the German, while Brouillard, in his first defense lost to Vince Dundee. Brouillard then invaded Europe, losing to Thil on points, and again on a foul.

Dundee, a brother of Joe, the welterweight champion, outpointed Jack Diamond before losing to Teddy Yarosz, a clever fellow who held the title just long enough to lose it to Babe Risko. Risko knocked out Yarosz over-the-weight before winning the championship on a decision.

Babe made only one successful defense, beating Tony Fisher, before he in turn surrendered the crown to Freddie Steele. He got two chances to regain it, failing each time, and Steele turned back the challenges of Gorilla Jones, Battaglia and Ken Overlin.

The middleweights were still in a muddle with Steele the champion over here, and Thil reigning in Europe. At the same time Steele was ducking rugged, willing Fred Apostoli.

Steele agreed to fight Apostoli, but only 10 rounds non-title. They met in Madison Square Garden, and Apostoli scored a nine round knockout, Steele claiming he was fouled. Still the champion continued to deny the leading challenger his chance. The muddle had become a mess.

When Al Hostak knocked out Steele in a round at Seattle, Bill Brown, then on the New York Commission, had had enough. He suspected the boys were passing the title around while freezing out Apostoli.

Brown, with Gen. John J. Phelan, the chairman, in agreement declared the middleweight title vacant. At this point Mike Jacobs took a hand in the game.

Uncle Mike came up with his Carnival of Champions, four title bouts on one card, one of these to be Apostoli vs. Thil for the world middleweight title. Gen. Phelan had received a report that Thil had retired, and for that reason refused to sanction the fight as for the world middleweight championship.

The General decided, with dubious logic, that Apostoli, a Californian, should fight Thil, a Frenchman, for the New York State title. Anyway they did fight, Apostoli stopping Thil in the 10th round. This time Thil retired for good.

Imagine if you will, in this age of commercial TV, four 15 round bouts on one card, the first being Apostoli vs. Thil. In the three others on the Carnival of Champions program, Lou Ambers defended the lightweight title by outpointing Pedro Montanez; Barney Ross kept the welterweight championship by defeating Ceferino Garcia, and Sixto Escobar lost the bantamweight crown to Harry Jeffra.

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 23rd

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
INGEMAR JOHANSSON, Sweden

1—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Rockville Centre, N. Y.
2—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
3—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
5—**HENRY COOPER,** England
6—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
7—**JOE ERSKINE,** Wales
8—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
9—**CHARLIE POWELL,** San Diego, Calif.
10—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**SPIDER WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
3—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Chittenango, N. Y.
4—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
5—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
7—**PAUL PENDER,** Boston, Mass.
8—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
9—**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
10—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.

*N.B.A. Middleweight Champion.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

*1—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
4—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
5—**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
6—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
8—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.
9—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**JOEY PARKS,** Omaha, Neb.

*N.Y. & N.B.A. Jr. Welterweight Champion.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BECERRA, Mexico

1—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
2—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
3—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
4—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
5—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
6—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
7—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
8—**JUAN CARDENAS,** Spain
9—**EDWIN SYKES,** Panama
10—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
3—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
4—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
5—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
6—**VON CLAY,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**KID SIXTO RODRIGUEZ,** San Anselmo, Calif.
8—**SONNY RAY,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
10—**SANTE AMONTI,** Italy

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DON JORDAN, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—**CHARLEY SCOTT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
3—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Oregon
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**RUDELL STITCH,** Louisville, Ky.
7—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
8—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
9—**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba
10—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
*2—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.
3—**HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY,** Nigeria
4—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
5—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
6—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
7—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
8—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
9—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
10—**MANOLO GARCIA,** Spain

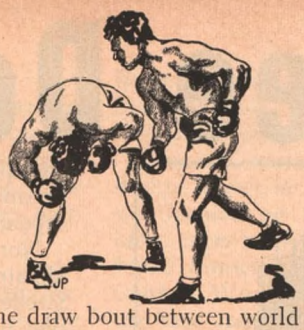
*N.B.A. Jr. Lightweight Champion.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
2—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
3—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
4—**MINUM BEN ALI,** Spain
5—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
6—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
7—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba
8—**LARRY PINEDA,** Philippines
9—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
10—**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland

CHARLEY SCOTT
Fighter of the Month



SEPTEMBER was a month of surprises with several of the world's top ranked men either losing or fighting a draw with comparative unknowns who leaped into the spotlight with outstanding performances. Chief among these was the draw bout between world lightweight champion Joe Brown of New Orleans, La., and Joey Parks of Omaha, Nebraska, at Albuquerque, N. M. Charley Scott's KO over fellow Philadelphian Sugar Hart won for him The Ring Fighter of the Month Award.

Kid Sixto Rodriguez of San Anselmo, California, easily defeated Von Clay of Philadelphia, but got only a home town draw that was widely booed; Henry Hank of Detroit, victor over long time contender Holly Mims of Washington, D. C., gained a post among the elite and Larry Pineda of the Philippines, who defeated Ramon Arias of Venezuela, in Caracas, joined the ranking flyweights. These four all made the headlines unexpectedly.

Changes in the heavyweight class saw Tony Anthony of New York switch posts with Alex Miteff of Argentina, the New Yorker now occupying eighth post and Miteff dropped to tenth.

The disputed draw between Clay and Sixto Rodriguez find the California champion listed only one notch behind Clay in seventh post, the first time he has been in the ratings. Johnny Halafahi of Tonga has been removed to make way for Rodriguez and Sonny Ray of Chicago and Chic Calderwood of Scotland each lost one notch to eighth and ninth.

The victories scored by Henry Hank and Dick Tiger of Nigeria, shook up the middleweight ratings, with Tiger advancing from tenth to sixth and his victim, Joey Giardello of Philadelphia, long a top contender, dropping from fourth to fifth. Hank is listed ninth while Mims fell from sixth to eighth and inactive Joey Giambra of San Francisco, California, fell from eighth to tenth. Ralph Tiger Jones of Yonkers, N. Y., also inactive has been eliminated to make room for Hank.

Chaley Scott's nine round kayo over Sugar Hart advanced him to the number one post among the welters, with Hart dropping to third. Luis Rodriguez, undefeated Cuban champion, advanced from fifth to second, while Scott dropped from second to third, Rudell Stitch of Louisville, Ky., victor over Ralph Dupas of New Orleans, La., jumped into sixth position from eighth, with Dupas dropping into seventh post from third. Virgil Akins of St. Louis moved up a notch to fifth.

Among the lightweights, the newest Mexican sensation, teenager Battling Torres, advanced from eighth to fifth following his triumph over Johnny Busso of New York. Busso dropped from fourth to eighth. Guy Gracia of France, was removed from the tenth spot to be replaced by Joey Parks.

There was no changes among the featherweights although there was considerable action in the class.

Danny Kid of Manila gained recognition as North American bantamweight champion with his victory over the Mexican titleholder third ranked flyweight Joe Medel and advanced from fifth to third.

The victory scored by Filipino Larry Pineda over fourth ranked Ramo Arias shook up the entire lower half of the flyweight division as Arias dropped down to sixth, Mimun Ben Ali of Spain and Dommy Ursua of the Philippines moved up one notch each to fourth and fifth, Hiram Bacallao of Cuba moved up from eighth to seventh, with Ramon Calatayud of Venezuela down from seventh to ninth. Pineda joins the rankings in eighth spot with Young Martin removed to make room for him and Risto Luukkonen of Finland dropped from ninth to tenth.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Tony Alongi, Miami, Fla.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Bobby Daniels, Duluth, Minn.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Murphy Holmes, San Francisco, Calif.
WELTERWEIGHT—Ronnie Cohen, New Rochelle, N. Y.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Dan Livingston, Trenton, N. J.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Howard Winstone, Wales
BANTAMWEIGHT—Roy Beaman, England
FLYWEIGHT—Sal Melendez, Mexico

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Zora Folley kayoed Monroe Ratliff, 2.
Billy Hunter stopped Alex Miteff, 7.
Tony Anthony decisioned Alonzo Johnson, 10. Pat McMurtry stopped Bob Albright, 5.
Alfredo Zuany kayoed Matt Jackson, 6. Buddy Turman won over Tommy Sims, 10. Cleveland Williams kayoed Curley Lee, 10.
Bert Whitehurst stopped Tunney Hunsaker, 10. Pete Rademacher defeated Calvin Butler, 10. Jose Georgetti kayoed Conrado Feddi, 1. Alan Cherville decisioned Jimmy Slade, 10.
Bob Cleroux kayoed Miguel Alvarez, 2. John Massey knocked out Dusty Davis, 1. Donnie Ward whipped Alvin Williams, 10. Alvin also lost to Sonny Moore, 6.
Don Warner kayoed Danny Logan, 2. Don Tucker kayoed Johnny Burch, 5. Dan Vanderford and Gene Mann drew, 8.
Hastings Hart scored over Andy Isaacs, 6. Joe Hemphill defeated Willie Coleman, 6. Joe Lewis Adams kayoed Luther Taylor, 4. Willie Bell decisioned Eddie Vick, 6. Larry Brown kayoed Leroy Baker, 1.

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHTS

Yvon Durelle defeated heavyweight Charlie Jones, 10.
European champion Erich Schoppner outpointed Jack Whittaker, 10. Sante Amonti outpointed Jose Gonzalez, 10.
Kid Sixto Rodriguez held Von Clay to a draw, 10. Donnie Fleeman stopped Tommy Sims, 5.
Al St. John outpointed Jimmy Garcia, 10. Gregorio Peralta defeated Luis Ignacio, 10. Mariano Echevarria retained Spanish title by halting Juan Amaya, 11. Mauro Mina beat Artie Brown, 10.
Freddie Blades whipped Bobby Stininato, 10. Pekka Kokkonen stopped Uwe Janssen, 5. Oscar Burton won from Levi Pearson, 8. Paul Ronx trounced Louis Mourros, 10. Ted Doncaster halted Charley Pavlis, 3. Jose Manzur whipped Cesar Vasquez, 10. Guillermo Dutchmann stopped Juan Carlos Gonzalez, 4.
Willie Mack bested John Pew, 8. Jimmy Louis kayoed Satch Jamiel, 4. Matt Jackson kayoed Willie Cox, 1, but was stopped by heavyweight Alfredo Zuany, 6. John Balla defeated Jim Fisher, 6.
Dick Young kayoed Jimmy Pratt, 1. Floyd McCoy kayoed Moses Walker, 1. James Jackson whipped Willie Moon, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

British Empire champion Dick Tiger upset Joey Giardello, 10.
Rudy Ellis upset Rory Calhoun, 10.
Henry Hank outscored Holly Mims, 12.
Laszlo Papp kayoed Bill Tate, 3. Jimmy Beecham decisioned Randy Sandy, 10, and kayoed Frankie (Kid) Anslem, 4.
Andres Selpa kayoed light heavy Juan Burgues, 5, and beat Esteban Caprani, 10. Jose Torres and Benny Paret drew, 10. Francisco Ortega relieved Francisco Frances of Spanish title, 12.
Mick Leahy kayoed Brian Sheehan, 1. Blair Richardson kayoed Yvon Turenne, 6. Allan Harmon whipped Georgia Kid, 10.
Antonio Diaz drew with Bernardo Romero, 10. Billy Hester decisioned Chebo Hernandez, 10. Jesse Smith kayoed Dick Kelly, 2.
Al Juergens outscored Santaigo Gutierrez, 10. Clarence Alford defeated Bobby Hughes, 8. Wayne Thornton kayoed Harvey Burke, 5. Sonny Ingram stopped Fletcher Lee, 3.
Ramon Hernandez won over Mel Ferguson, 10. Doug Odo beat Nick Kovac, 10. Billy Pickett whipped Cleve Zanders, 8, and kayoed Dormy Cooper, 2, and Dalful Brown, 2.
Willie Green defeated Butch Craig, 8. Al Avant won from Johnny Morris, 6. Floyd Buchanan defeated Jim Sargent, 8. Oscar Burton outscored Eddie Sims, 6. Blair Richardson kayoed Willie Troy, 4.
Paul Machen kayoed Ray Carter, 1. Lino Rendon stopped Benny Antonetti, 6. Sonny Hill defeated Roscoe Shamblin, 8. Murphy Holmes whipped Jose Pompey, 6, and Willie Stevens, 6.
Fred Terry edged Willie Gray, 6. Irving Thatch kayoed Wayne Strowbridge, 4. Melvin Richardson and Roy Copeland drew, 6. Don Braun beat Cornelius McPaul, 8.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Charley Scott kayoed Sugar Hart in 9.
Luis Rodriguez outscored Larry Baker, 10.
Rudell Stitch outscored Ralph Dupas, 10.
Art Aragon defeated Peter Schmidt, 10. Federico Thompson kayoed Cesar Pereyra, 7. Willie Toweel stopped Paddy Graham, 4.
Guy Sumlin stopped Clarence Cook, 7. Chris Christensen stopped Emilio Marconi, 6. Carl Hubbard whipped Eddie Perkins, 10.
Billy Lynch stopped Wes Lowery, 8. Luis Folledo edged out Ali Ben Bechir, 8. Mel Barker and Joe Miceli drew, 3. Spanish Champion Ben Buker II held to draw by Jose Ungidos, 10. Freddie Tiedt decisioned Tony Smith, 8. Candy McFarland stopped Cecil Courtney, 3.
Leopold Potesil defeated Artie Cunningham, 10. Fortunato Manca walloped Al Sharpe, 10. Ray Lancaster stopped Whitey Porr, 7, but lost to Roger Harvey, 6. Bobby Pena defeated Ray Greco, 10.
Tony Dupas decisioned Sugar Boy Nando, 10. Reybon Stubbs defeated Pat Lowry, 10. Roberto Chetta beat Mario Basualdo, 10. Alfredo Cota defeated Everardo Armenta, 10, and Chilango Rosales, 10. Jerry Hunnicutt outpointed Karl-Heintz Guder, 10.
Luther Rawling and Robert Cofer drew, 8. Jiro Sawada won over Julio Bertuqui, 10. Baby Concer kayoed Jess Bogart, 6.

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The Yankee Dollar

WHILE the muddled monetary merry-go-round set off by the recent Johansson-Patterson affair still has the rest of the boxing world going around in circles, Ingo himself is showing that he knows the straightest and shortest way to a dollar.

The new champion gave ample warning that he wasn't going to accept the ring-in-the-nose treatment accorded so many stateside fighters when his bleat over an arrangement contracted beforehand, to give one Harry Davidoff ten percent of his earnings, brought the official bodies on the run and sent the D'Amato deputized Davidoff back behind the counter of his Brooklyn eatery. On top of this, the suave Swede gives every indication of being his own manager with all signs pointing to things remaining that way.

Boxing people, among the world's hardest to convince, still haven't reached unanimity over Ingo's true stature as a fighter, but are as one in proclaiming that, *"They'll never run any benefits for him."*

Recent dispatches reveal Johansson spending much time in Detroit, hub of the U. S. Motor industry. This ties in with the excavating and hauling business which is Johansson's other great interest and which he is continually expanding with additional trucks, tractors and contracts. Nor does fun-loving Ingo intend to trod the primrose path to the poorhouse. It has been observed that his activities here are subtly geared to bring in the maximum enjoyment for the minimum expenditure.

Nor has the canny titleholder let the idolatry which is his in his native Sweden take the place of the dollar sign in his thinking. National hero or no, he has, taking a cue from tax-fleeing movie stars and international financiers, established residence in Switzerland, although there is some doubt that this far seeing move, for all its astuteness, will circumvent stateside tax collectors, grown more glutinous with the pass-

ing each year in the U. S.

Although U. S. fighters have become notorious for letting huge earnings dissolve into dire straits, with wild splurges of spending, foreign invaders of these shores who have made big scores have gained a reverse reputation.

After all these years, Luis Angel Firpo, now a wealthy man in Argentina, is still recollected by oldtimers as the very epitome of economy. The late great cartoonist-writer, Tad Dorgan, had a favorite tale of Firpo at a Boston banquet, which while probably apocryphal, gave the lowdown on the thrifty Senor.

According to Tad, when the time came for the plate to be passed for tips for the waiters, Firpo asked what was going on. A gag man facetiously informed him each guest was to take out carfare for himself. "Good," grunted Firpo as he helped himself to a dime from the dish.

Still some critics claim that Firpo's close-fistedness might conceivably have cost him the heavyweight crown. After a disagreement over fees with his American trainer, Jimmy De Forest, the Argentinian came up with some cut-rate cornermen behind him the wild night he knocked Dempsey out of the ring in 1923. With a noisy, aggressive, stateside operator, like Jack Kearns, Leo P. Flynn, Bill Duffy, or Joe Jacobs working for him, who knows, but that one of these, might have yelled Firpo into the title on a technicality? Of course this must remain pure speculation.

However, as is the case with most conservative spenders, the old "Wild Bull of the Pampas" has had the last laugh, as he lolls in luxury down under the Equator.

Max Schmeling also gained himself a reputation for frugality while in this country. Schmeling, who made more money in America than any foreign fighter, despite a constant recurrence of managerial mixups, got everything that was coming to him. He wasted little time following each payoff in hopping the boat back to the Fatherland. In lucrative shots with Sharkey, Stribling, Baer and Louis, Max's end topped $750,000. But Schmeling faced the homeland hazards of European fighters, the conflicts of this warlike continent, and no one knows how hard these upheavals hit the frugal German, although he now seems solvent enough with a mink farm among other enterprises, going for him.

Schmeling's persistent rival, Paolino Uzcudun, went through some turbulent times in his native Spain. Stories persist that the old "Basque Woodchopper," who was no spendthrift although he liked a good time, had his cash converted into gold bullion which he buried and then dug up when the hurly-burly of the Spanish Civil War had passed on.

Primo Carnera, who made a great deal of money in America, but allegedly was handed no more than a straight salary every week, upon retiring to Italy, found himself caught up in the holocaust of World War II, which, sweeping back and forth across Italy, washed away what little the amiable Giant salvaged from his extended campaigning in the U. S.

But here again Carnera had the last laugh. Returning to the States he capitalized heavily on his one time heavyweight boxing title as a wrestling attraction with such startling results that according to wrestling impresario and fight manager, Charley Johnston, he earned more than a half million dollars in the decade following World War II. There is evidence of truth in this in the fine home and apparent prosperity of Carnera in California today.

Georges Carpentier made and squandered several fortunes, which was to be expected of this handsome, high living one time pal of the Prince of Wales later King Edward VII, and now the Duke of Windsor. As far back as 1915, Carpentier was accounted rich. That fortune gone following World War I, he took down a giant purse of $200,000 for the first million dollar fight ever held, the Dempsey affair in Jersey City in 1921, and returned to France. High rolling his way through that bonanza, his ring days long gone, Gorgeous Georges came up to World War II just getting by as a "front" for a night spot. Since then it has been touch and go with him. He still looks amazingly youthful and seems quite happy running a swank cocktail lounge in Paris.

It was a trick of fate that the greatest British fighters to campaign extensively here, Ted "Kid" Lewis, Owen Moran, Jem Driscoll and Freddy Welsh were around when purses were lean and opponents tough. With the exception of Welsh, the former lightweight champion, who died penniless, five figured purses were unknown to this outstanding group. Lewis, particularly, barnstormed up and down the U. S. for years, but minor league towns with pay to match, was the lot of this exceptional fighter.

Jack "Kid" Berg, who came along a good deal later, did very well over here. He was a terrific attraction in New York, and according to his former co-manager, Frankie Jacobs, grossed more than $400,000 in bouts against Chocolate, Canzoneri, Petrolle, Flowers and others, back in the early Thirties. Most of this got away from the "Whitechapel Whirlwind" but he has since righted himself and is doing very well in England in the movies.

Marcel Thil was on the Sunset Trail when the States finally got a look at the old "Bullyboy of the Boulevards" but in his only showing over here, the rugged bald-head did very well, taking down $25,000 for fighting Fred Apostoli for the N. Y. version of the middleweight title on the Carnival of Champions in 1927, a show which left canny Mike Jacobs afloat on a sea of red ink. Thil practiced a Gallic thriftiness and is well off today.

When Marcel Cerdan met his untimely end, he was a rich man and gave every indication of remaining that way. He had an eye for business and while a gay companion, was no wastrel.

The hard bitten Welsh coal miner, Tommy Farr, fully appreciated the value of the Yankee Dollar. Although he never won a fight in this country, he apparently hung on to what he earned judging from the comfort in which he is living at present.

Biggest Latin-American money makers in this country were the Cuban Kids Chocolate and Gavilan, both of whom made fortunes but after everything was over, were right back where they started financially. They were Gay Blades who lived every day as though there were no tomorrow.

Andre Routis, who won the featherweight title over here, has been living well in France since quitting the ring a long time ago. The rugged Andre had some good paydays on this side against Canzoneri and others and managed to keep a good part of what he made.

Today, television has the ring game orbiting in the stratospheric regions of millions of dollars. When the Patterson-Johansson hodge-podge, plagued by every promotional mishap possible, can return more than nine hundred thousand dollars from all sources, these "new ancillary rights"—in other words pay TV—make a highly developed business sense mandatory for modern fighters. It is quite evident that Ingo fills the bill here, and if there is any shortchanging going on in the future, he is not going to be the victim.

Nor is the cagy Johansson unmindful of the bankroll ravaging effects of revolutions, government changes, wars, and such catastrophes which often confront continental and Latin American fighfers. Many of these with a nest egg snugly tucked away, have watched it disintegrate due to some national disaster. Wary Ingo, not missing a trick, obviously gave this much consideration, when he hit upon Switzerland as his new home base, a country which hasn't had a war or been overrun by an invader in a hundred years.

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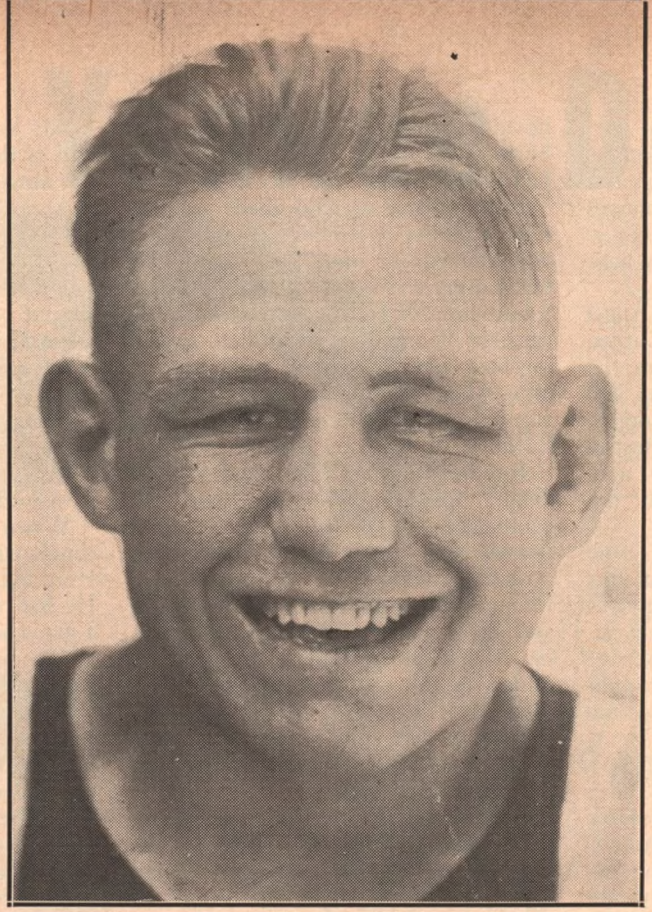

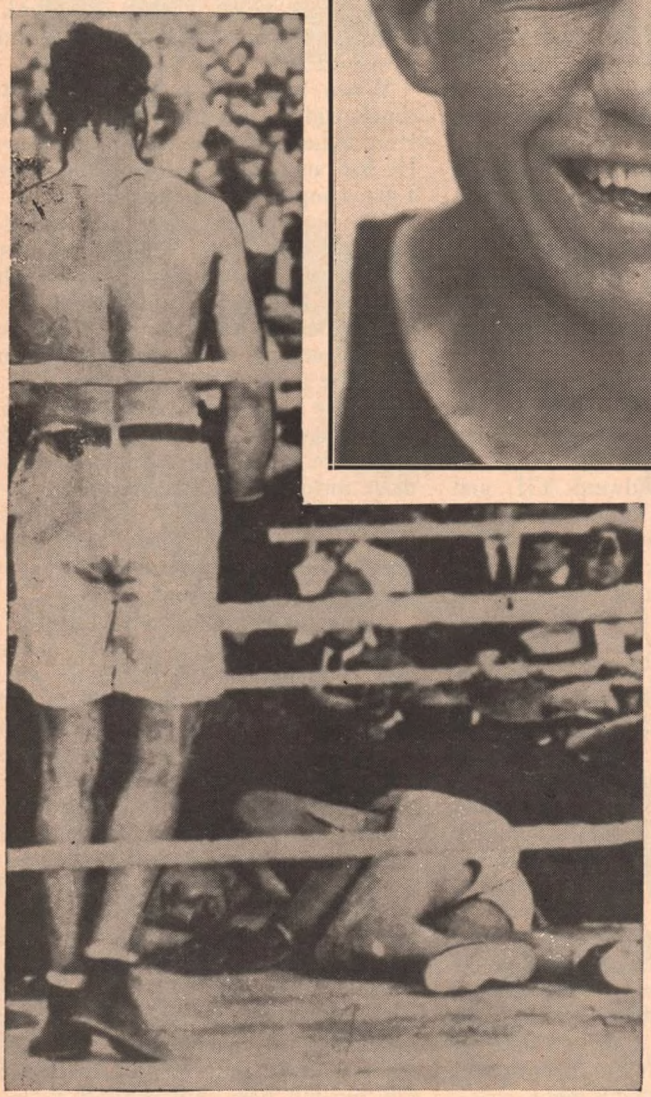

Billy Miske, broke and sick, was after a quick payday when he faced the Manassa Mauler in the champ's first defense of his heavyweight title. [Far left] we see Miske on floor taking the ten count in third round after a right hand had belted him into unconsciousness.

Dempsey—Miske A Hoax

Billy's Kidney Ailment Reduced 1920 Affair At Benton Harbor To Public Deception

THE Ring Detective now places under close scrutiny the third meeting of Jack Dempsey, already heavyweight champion of the world, and Billy Miske, St. Paul fighter, at Benton Harbor, Mich., on September 6, 1920.

This affair is under examination but not because it was not fought on its merits. Dempsey never has figured in any match in which there was a lack of bona fides.

However, this engagement with Miske might come under the heading of Ring Hoaxes, of which we have had many.

When Miske met Dempsey at Benton Harbor, Billy already was suffering from serious kidney trouble. He did not survive this fight by very long, succumbing on January 1, 1924. As he was born in 1894, Miske died at the early age of 30.

By what line of reasoning is it possible to designate the Dempsey appearance with Miske in 1920 as a hoax?

Was it not reasonable to expect the Mauler, who had stopped Jess Willard in three rounds for the title on July 4, 1919, at Toledo, to dispose of Miske with similar dispatch?

The answer to the second question has to be, Yes and then again, Maybe.

The Benton Harbor affair ended in Miske's being stopped in 1 minute, 13 seconds of the third round. A short right to the jaw ended the uneven bout.

Now, let us go back to May 3, 1918. That night Dempsey and Miske fought a ten round no-decision bout in St. Paul. Jack had all the better of it.

SECOND MEETING A SIX ROUNDER IN PHILADELPHIA

Miske, having succeeded in staying on his feet for the scheduled 30 minutes, it appeared mandatory for Jack to give the St. Paul mauler another chance.

Remember, please, that Dempsey had not yet won the championship, and that he was being built up for the shot at Willard.

On November 28, 1918, Dempsey and Miske met a second time, in one of those Philadelphia six round no-decision quickies. Dempsey again cuffed Billy around.

After the Manassa Mauler had gained the title in spectacular fashion, making a chopping block of the huge, 245 pound Willard, Jack Kearns decided that Jack's first defense would be against Miske.

Kearns got his friend Floyd Fitzsimmons, running fights at Benton Harbor, not far from Chicago, to set up a decent pay day for the champion, and to give Miske enough money with which to clear up doctors' bills and other accumulated indebtedness.

Dempsey got $55,000 and Miske $25,000, with the gross gate, taxes included, coming to $134,904.

Fitzsimmons got quite a chunk for himself, and was promised another Dempsey appearance, against Bill Brennan. This match was kicked around for a couple of years and finally was scheduled for Labor Day, 1922, at Benton Harbor. Governor McGray, of Michigan, refused to okeh the match.

Jack had stopped Brennan in New York on December 14, 1920, in twelve rounds, Bill suffering from the strange experience of breaking an ankle when he stopped a punch to the jaw.

MISKE HAD WASTED TO A MERE 100 POUNDS

When Fitzsimmons made the match he knew that Miske had absolutely no chance. But Billy was a friend, and he needed help.

He had saved up $45,000 from his earnings and had lost it all in an automobile venture.

Then Miske was struck by Bright's Disease. He wasted away, from 180 to a mere 100 pounds.

They sent Billy to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. and there a miracle was achieved. He was treated for months, regained considerable weight, and announced that he was going back for more fighting.

The doctors said, "*Nothing doing.*" But Billy owed money. He just had to fight. And he fought knowing that Dempsey would clobber him to a fare thee well.

How physical examinations countenanced his continuance in the ring is a mystery.

It is fairly certain that if there had been a boxing commission in Michigan, its doctors would not have approved Miske for the fight.

However, in those days, everything went, and medical examinations of boxers were sketchy, and never at variance with the welfare of the promoter.

Let us take a good look at Miske's record for 1919. Billy had fought nine fights that year, only two of which went to decisions. He stopped Tom Cowler, Jim Corbett's glass jawed protege, in four rounds in Baltimore, and won the decision over Brennan in a fifteen-rounder in Tulsa.

The seven other affairs, "No Decision", were with Cowler, Harry Greb, Willie Meehan, Kid Norfolk, Tom Gibbons, Brennan and Battling Levinsky.

Miske came out of 1919 feeling none too well. On June 11, 1920, he stopped Jack Moran in two heats in Minneapolis, and then Miske began to show signs of serious kidney ailments.

It is certain, in the minds of experts who look back at the 1920 fight at Benton Harbor, that Miske could not have beaten Dempsey.

However, Billy was too much the pro not to make an effort. He tried to sneak over a couple of hard ones, and was all the more thoroughly whipped for his pains.

DEMPSEY ALMOST ENDED FIGHT IN FIRST ROUND

Fitzsimmons was no bush promoter. He backed up his Dempsey-Miske fight with two fine preliminaries, Sam Langford and Bill Tate, and Harry Greb and Chuck Wiggins. Greb, Tate and Panama Joe Gans had been Jack's sparring partners.

Dempsey, age 23, weighed 187 pounds, Miske, 24 years old, tipped the beam at 186. Jim Dougherty, of Leiperville, Pa., was the referee.

After it was all over, Dempsey praised Miske for his gameness. The champion said that he figured he had ended the fight as early as the first round, when he caught Billy with a terrific right just below the heart.

However, Miske came back for more. It was noted that after that first round punch, Billy was about finished.

In the second heat, Dempsey shot a hard left to the jaw and followed up with a right cross. Miske hit the deck, but, despite his experience, jumped to his feet without availing himself of the nine count. He arose at five.

Miske held on tight for the rest of the round. But he lacked strength. Three lefts to the jaw and a few rights to the body didn't do him any good, either.

As the third round opened, Dempsey danced around the ring. He knew he had his man, that he could end it any time he liked. This was not the Miske of the two no-decision fights.

A right to the jaw sent Miske down. He arose groggy. He was through. Soon Jack delivered a right to the jaw and Miske crumpled.

Nowhere has The Ring Detective run into evidence that Dempsey knew he was fighting a desperately sick man. He was familiar with the Miske story but he was told Billy had recovered.

HAD DEMPSEY KNOWN MISKE'S CONDITION, NO FIGHT

It is my belief that if Jack had any suspicions about Miske's physical condition, he would not have risked punishing him so severely as to kill him.

Miske was a game and determined man. He must have known how sick he was. But fighting was the only thing with which he could earn any money. So he kept throwing gloves for as long as he could hold out.

As a matter of fact, Billy scored knockouts in the last two fights of his life. He stopped Harry Foley in one round at Omaha on January 12, 1923, and belted Brennan out in four in the same ring in November.

Dempsey went from the Benton Harbor ring into the Brennan affair in the old Garden in New York, and then, into the so called Fight of the Century in which he stopped Georges Carpentier in Jersey City in four rounds on July 2, 1921.

The Ring Record Book says that Dempsey went into the ring a 7 to 1 favorite. It might have been 40 to 1 for all the action it would have created in betting circles, because the maner in which Jack polished off Willard demonstrated conclusively that he was too good for anybody then aspiring to the distinction of contender.

That the Benton Harbor affair was a hoax certainly does not mean that it was a phoney.

That the fight never should have been put on is certain. That it was held and Miske, in his deteriorating condition, was able to grab a decent pay day, must now be listed in the category of charity.

Boxing hoaxes may be created in various ways. First, by using a name fighter who is ill, or who has faded so far that

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Jack Dempsey, ex-heavyweight champ of the world, talks over old times with Gibbons at a dinner both attended. Their fifteen round title bout at Shelby, won by Dempsey, was a topic of conversation.

TOMMY GIBBONS

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A NUMBER of noted sports writers were guilty of rank injustice to Tom Gibbons in their stories of his bout with Jack Dempsey at Shelby where Tom went the limit of 15 rounds but lost the decision. These scribes, to justify their pre-battle predictions that Dempsey would knock out Gibbons in anywhere from three to six rounds, asserted in stories and comment that Dempsey and Kearns felt sorry for Tommy because he fought for nothing and deliberately permitted Gibbons to stay the scheduled fifteen rounds. They also stated the two Jacks gave Tommy $25,000 from the $260,000 they were paid for the fight. These claims by the disgruntled sports writers were just so much hogwash.

The writer, then Sports editor of The Minneapolis Tribune, reported the fight for The Tribune from the first row in the working press section. I can vouch for the fact Dempsey did everything possible to win by a knockout. He hit Tommy repeatedly on the breakaway from clinches after being ordered by the referee, Jim Dougherty of Leiperville, Pennsylvania. Jack also hit Tommy several times in the groin.

Bear in mind this was during an era before the foul-proof protection cup and the advent of the no-foul rule, and Dempsey fought all his battles before the Gibbons affair that way. Gibbons and Dempsey, like all other pugilists of their time, were equipped with lightweight aluminum protector cups as protection against low blows. The aluminum cup provided little protection against blows to the groin with the result fighters often were severely injured by low blows and often became victims of hernia. Boxers guilty of striking opponents below the belt were disqualified.

Gibbons was badly hurt by Dempsey's blows in the groin region but he never complained to the referee. He knew his complaints would be ignored since Referee Dougherty had been hand-picked by Kearns and Dempsey.

On one occasion, while fighting along the ropes, Jack forced Tommy's head between the middle and top strands, then belted him on the chin with a smashing right-hander.

Proof that Gibbons was hurt by Dempsey's low blows was made evident from the fact that his groin was swollen and discolored when examined after the fight.

Knowing the majority of spectators, among them several hundred gun-toting cowboys, were hostile toward Dempsey and Kearns, I asked Tommy why he did not drop to his knees and claim the fight on a foul after Dempsey hit him low for the third time.

"Had you done so, Tommy," I said, *"Referee Dougherty undoubtedly would have been coerced by those cowboys into declaring you winner on a foul."*

Gibbons' reply was typical of his character and sportsmanship.

"George," said Tommy, *"if I could not win the championship on my merits as a fighter, I would not want it."*

All Gibbons got out of the fight was $5,000 for training expenses which were absorbed by rental of a cottage, salaries for a trainer, sparring partners and chef and purchasing food and other necessities for a party of seventeen, including Tommy's wife and nine children. However, Gibbons made $50,000 from a vaudeville tour on the strength of his fine showing against Dempsey, plus the fact he had the courage to fight Jack for nothing, whereas all of the champion's other opponents had been paid in excess of $100,000 each.

The biggest money matches in which Tommy engaged were his fights with Gene Tunney, Georges Carpentier, Jake Bloomfield and his fourth and final fracas with Harry Greb. He was paid $110,000 for the Tunney fight; $20,000 for Carpentier, $25,000 for Bloomfield and $17,500 for Greb.

"I could have earned in excess of $100,000 after Tunney knocked me out," Gibbons recounts, *"because there was such a demand for heavyweights during the boom era in the twenties. I decided, instead, to retire due to the serious illness of my first wife, Helen, who became ill while I was training for my match with Tunney.*

"With so much money at stake I was obligated to go through with the Tunney match rather than inconvenience the promoters by a postponement. Helen was ill for several months after the Tunney fight, consequently I decided to call it a day and remain close to her and the children.

"I was also influenced by the fact my brother Mike had lost the sight in his right eye as a result of being thumbed. I deemed it wise to quit the ring with two good eyes which meant more to me than a million dollars".

Gibbons became an agent for one of America's best known insurance agencies after retiring from the ring in 1925. He was very successful. On several occasions he sold a million dollars worth of insurance a year prior to being persuaded by civic-minded St. Paul friends to run for sheriff in 1934.

The city of St. Paul bore an unsavory reputation at the time Gibbons was elected sheriff for the first time in 1934. It was known as one of the "poison spots" of the United States because of crime going unchallenged and for harboring notorious criminals, among them John Dillinger, Alvin Karpis, Verne Miller, Tommy Touhy, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, Jess Doyle, Cassius McDonald, Bill Weaver and Volney Davis.

During this reign of crime, St. Paul was the locale for two of the nation's most sensational kidnappings, the victims being William Hamm and Edward Bremer, millionaire brewers. Hamm paid $200,000 for his release, Bremer $300,000.

With the exception of Dillinger, Touhy and Miller, all of these criminals were rounded up in a co-operative effort by the FBI, city police and Sheriff Gibbons and his department. Gibbons had the responsibility of holding these killers behind bars and safeguarding against their escape with the aid of underworld pals on the outside.

Through the efforts of Sheriff Gibbons and a reorganized, efficient and honest police department, St. Paul became one of the most law-abiding cities in the United States.

Tavern owners, gamblers and the like, among them several former boxers, were elated when Tommy was elected to the sheriff's office in 1934. They had visions of running wild under his administration. Gibbons announced that he intended to enforce the law to the letter with fines, jail sentences and revocation of licenses for violators.

"It is up to you to respect the law or pay the penalty," Tommy informed all and sundry. They quickly learned Tommy meant business after he arrested several tavern and pool-room operators for keeping open after hours and maintaining slot-machines in violation of the law.

Tommy chuckles when telling the story of a topnotch St. Paul pugilist who thought he was kidding when he ordered his former boxing pal to get rid of slot-machines in his tavern. Tommy had warned the boxer that unless he removed the slot-machines, he would raid the place with his deputies and seize and destroy the machines.

The boxer ignored the warning. True to his word, Gibbons and his deputies raided the tavern, confiscated the machines and smashed them into smithereens.

As Tommy was serving a subpoena on his one-time sparmate, the fellow growled:

"Well, Gibbie, what a fine s.o.b. you turned out to be."

Tommy tells an amusing story about Doc Barker, one of the infamous "Ma" Barker's trigger-happy sons.

"I had Doc Barker in the Ramsey County jail during

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The Catholic church which Gibbons presented to the town of Osakis, in Northern Minnesota, at a cost of $50,000 to himself. Tommy has maintained a summer home at Osakis since 1915.

Gibbons seen welcomed by thousands of admirers upon his return to St. Paul, Minnesota, after his superb showing against Dempsey in their Shelby heavyweight championship meeting.

RUDY ELLIS

160 Pounds With A PUNCH

MUCH negative head-shaking and expressions of doubt were cast by numerous so-called Sages of Sock when Andrew Hoddo, manager of Rudy Ellis, matched his protege to fight the rugged and experienced Rory Calhoun. Said one wiseacre who frequents the Eighth Avenue Gym: *"It's crazy, tossin' in a fine prospect like Ellis with a tiger like Calhoun. Till now Rudy was a comer, but when Rory gets through with 'im he'll be a goner. Calhoun's too sharp, got too much seasonin' for Rudy. So I'm puttin' my dough on Rory to roar in a winner."*

Many pairs of eyebrows were raised in astonishment and expressions of dismay uttered by self-styled ring experts who witnessed the bout in the arena, and amazement evinced by those who watched it on television—seeing the masterful way in which Ellis defeated Calhoun. However, had the combination of masterminds actually been connoisseurs of clout, they'd have been able to evaluate Rudy's full ability to box and punch from the efficient manner in which he had outboxed and outpunched—and finally halted veteran Bobby Boyd in five rounds.

Judging Ellis on his battle with Boyd, it is clear that Rudy has a natural aptitude for executing a punch—which is a science in itself. He also manifested cool confidence and courage, proving himself able to absorb stiff wallops as well

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as delivering them. In short, Rudy Ellis—judging from his battles with Boyd and Calhoun—has clearly demonstrated that he has a world of natural ability. He is very green and chances are that if pushed too fast may be punched out before reaching his true potential.

Grimly determined to become a ring success, Rudy is willing to oppose the best in his division. He's particularly eager to tangle with either of the two 160-pound title holders: Gene Fullmer or Sugar Ray Robinson. *"I feel that I can beat them both,"* says Ellis with a modest but self-assured smile. *"One after the other. Calhoun is as tough as any middleweight in the world."*

Mr. Hoddo nodded agreement.

"Rudy's confidence doesn't come from vanity or an inflated ego," he points out. *"It is a product of intelligent reasoning, a knowledge of what he knows he's able to do, of honest self-estimation."*

An honest and upright young man, Ellis credits Rufus Johnson with having taught him the science of fisticuffing.

The boxer—whose father, King Ellis, is a mechanic—is one of four brothers and two sisters. He was born in Chicago, Ill., on June 14, 1937. *"I was an average boy,"* declares the sparkling scrapper. *"Had the average number of fights in school and on streets. My education consists of three years in high school. I am a barber by trade. But now,"* he smiles, *"I prefer to trade punches for pay and aim to clip my opponents."*

Ellis began making use of boxing gloves back in 1949 but his athletic activities did not start or end with sock exchanging. He has successfully competed in track, football and swimming. He commenced punch-swapping in the amateurs in 1953, scored 15 victories, lost one—boxing as a featherweight.

The handsome powerfully-built middleweight began to fight for cash on August 30, 1956, scoring an impressive knockout over Eddie Ford in four, then boxed a six-round draw with Terry Rindal, and finished the year with a six-round decision over Abe Linnear.

In 1957 Rudy chalked up five victories and dropped one duke. *"That was to Ernie Smith,"* revealed Andrew Hoddo. *"But in a return battle Ellis avenged the defeat."*

Rudy claims that his toughest fight—or fights, since there were two—were with the same Ernie Smith. *"Because of his height and awkward style,"* said Rudy.

Ellis started 1958 in good form, scoring three straight kayoes. Then—calamity struck. Calamity in the form of a guy named Henry Hank. This hard-belting character put the "long snore" on Ellis, halting him in four heats. But there seems to be a fairly reasonable explanation as to how and why Rudy received such a rude setback.

"It was an all-around mistake, my fighting at that particular time a tough, wicked-punching scrapper like Hank," declares Rudy. *"I mean, I'd had my tonsils removed shortly before the fight. Another things I'd had but a few days training. No sooner had the fight started that I felt I was by no means my usual self—I was slow, felt weak and sort of tired. But there's no questioning the fact that Hank stopped me. But I hope to even the score with him sometime—if he'll fight me again."*

Two months after his unfortunate fight with Hank, Rudy put the lights out for Al Sparks in an action plus scrap, short-circuiting him in four rounds.

This year Ellis has done himself proud. The first ring rival to taste the power of his punch in 1959 was Jesse Smith. Ellis out-walloped him in eight rounds on January 7. Rudy's next victim was Ernie Buford: another eight-round win for Ellis. Rugged Jimmy Beecham succumbed under Rudy's hammering fists in the second round, a very unlucky day for poor Beecham. Then Ellis put the crusher on his old foe, tough Abe Linnear—disposing of him in three heats.

Rudy was finding himself—and his kayo wallop was finding its mark on his opponents. It was on August 15th, that Ellis battered Bobby Boyd into a state of helplessness, winning by a TKO.

Next came his sensational win over highly regarded Rory Calhoun. It was quite a test for the up-coming young middleweight, and he came through in fine fashion, winning a unanimous 10-round decision.

Ellis may or may not become a champion but while he is around the 160 pound division will have a fighter who can knock a man's brains out with a punch.

"Rudy is an easy man to work with," reveals trainer Dee Dee Armour. *"That's because he likes to work, enjoys training and is keen on doing roadwork. Ellis well illustrates the saying that a man is bound to succeed if he loves his job. That's how it is with Rudy."*

The fast-rising ring star admits that his favorite music is Rock an' Roll; that he's a sound sleeper and has entertaining dreams; that he never smoked or drank liquor; that he is not superstitious; that English is the only language he speaks; that he served in neither the Army, Navy nor Marines; that he believes in luck; that his favorite food is butter beans; that his favorite mode of traveling is by railroad and automobile; that he prefers country life to that of the city; that of all pastimes he likes boxing matches best; that his favorite fighter is Sonny Listen.

Ellis met Irma Wallace—whom he married in June, 1956—at a dance in Benton Harbor, Michigan. The happy couple are now the parents of two fine children: Rudy, Jr., three years of age; Sherrell, two. *"We also have a pet dog,"* informs the happy-go-lucky boxer. *"And a car,"* he adds as an after-thought.

A friendly and hospitable chap, Ellis enjoys having company at his home. But no noisy parties.

Neither his father nor mother objected to Rudy giving up barbering and choosing prizefighting as a profession. Irma Ellis is not opposed to her husband's hazardous occupation. *"In fact,"* states Rudy, *"she likes being present when I'm boxing so that she can yell encouragement to me."* Then, after a pause, he adds: *"I don't know how my wife reacts when I'm on the receiving end in a fight, she never mentions it when discussing my bouts. She hotly describes the way I jab and step around my rivals, stresses my proficiency at avoiding blows and countering with either left or right, that I'm a heavy puncher but light on my feet."* Then, after another pause: *"Well, how can a guy help loving a woman like that?"*

No wonder Rudy Ellis aspires to become champion of his division. That would really give his wife something to talk about.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR PLAYS HOST

Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, Carmen Basilio and Maxie Rosenbloom, part of the large group of champs and ex champs who were featured at Boxing Cavalcade which housed the Ring Magazine Museum and Hall of Fame

A RETURN engagement between Carmen Basilio and Gene Fullmer, N.B.A. world middleweight champion, appears improbable on the basis of remarks made by both boxers and Norm Rothchild, promoter of their San Francisco contest. Appearing as a guest at Basilio's Cavalcade of Boxing at the New York State Fair held at Syracuse, N. Y., where The Ring Museum was displayed for nine days and the Ring editor gave daily talks, Fullmer declared:

"I am prepared to give my good friend Basilio a return bout at any time. I would much prefer to box him before I box any other opponent. But I have an obligation to accept the opponent chosen by the N.B.A. and the fighter that organization has chosen is Spider Webb."

Basilio, standing at Fullmer's side, agreed. When asked if in view of the action of the N.B.A., he would retire or seek a match with Ray Robinson, he replied:

"I would like to finish out this week at the Fair before I state my future plans. If I thought I could gain consent for another fight with Gene, I would snap it up. But as Fullmer says, we agreed to accept the N.B.A. terms for their support and that sort of leaves me out.

"As for Robinson, I said before that I want nothing more to do with him. No amount of money could induce me to face him again unless it were on an even split. He probably needs the money more than I do. He played his cards like an amateur when he had the chance to obtain half a million to fight me. Now that chance is gone."

Requested by The Ring Editor to state whether he intends to retire, Carmen, who received a warm reception at each of the daily shows that drew more publicity than anything at the Fair except the visit of Governor Rockefeller, replied:

"I'm not too old to continue boxing. I wasn't injured in my last fight and I would like to think matters over before I make my final decision. I know I still have many good fights in my system and I might decide to try to regain the welterweight crown. I'll give my final answer after the closing of this Cavalcade and a little vacation I intend to take during which I'll do some fishing and hunting. I'll also await the outcome of the Fullmer-Webb fight."

The Cavalcade of Boxing, the first time any such spectacle has been placed on exhibition, made a big hit. Rothchild's venture was a costly one, but the good sportsman that he is, his interest was not in financial gain, but in helping to bring the better part of the boxing game before the public and in this he succeeded.

Though each of the former champions who made an

Title Holders And Ex-Champ Answered Questions Uppermost In Fans Thoughts . . . Who Would Fullmer Fight? . . . Would Basilio Fight Again, Who? . . . What Did Louis Think Of Patterson Fight With Johansson? The Answers Are Brought To You As Given By Nat Fleischer, A Lecturer At The Fair.

appearance made a hit with the spectators, Basilio was the hero with the upper New York State gathering since he was in home territory. More questions were fired at him than at any other of the fistic celebrities. What most wanted to know was whether he would retire following his recent knockout at the hands of Gene Fullmer.

Laughingly, he replied: *"Do I look like an old man? Do you think I'm ready to be caged?"* Then seriously, *"My heart was set on meeting Fullmer in a return bout, but he and I gave our word to the N.B.A. officials that whoever wins would take Spider Webb in the first title bout, and unlike Ray Robinson, Gene is going to keep his word and I won't press him for a return, at least not now. I hope to continue to fight."*

Throughout the nine days at the Cavalcade the champions who appeared were kept busy answering questions, autographing photographs and having pictures taken with visitors. Seen in the huge tent where The Ring's Museum and the Hall of Fame were on exhibition and lectures on boxing, discusions on the career of each of the daily guests and talks on the various exhibits were given by me, were Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, Maxie Rosenbloom, Gus Lesnevich, Jimmy Braddock, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Jack Dempsey and Fullmer. The last named was the hit of the week.

Gene, a well educated lad with excellent speech control, made a terrific impression on the hundreds of fans. He started the day by presenting Carmen with one of a litter of his Weimaraner puppies which he and his wife brought from Jordan, Utah. Although neither he nor Carmen had been booked to train, they obliged the crowd by donning togs. Fullmer gave an exhibition of fancy rope skipping and Carmen punched the speed and heavy bag and engaged in shadow boxing.

The Basilio Cavalcade of Boxing, quite a change from the nauseating boxing mess that has occupied the columns of the nation's sports pages. It was a pleasure to be in the midst of fight fans—men, women and children—for nine hours daily instead of at investigations in which the main characters" are get-rich-quick operators and undercover managers.

The venture, the first ever tried out at any Fair, was acclaimed by all who attended it. It was watched with great interest by sponsors of other Fairs throughout the country. Offers to take over the entire show were made by promotors from Ohio, Canada, Miami and by Rocky Marciano who declared it would be a hit in Brockton and he would be willing to sponsor it. Jack Dempsey likewise offered to join in taking the Cavalcade around the country as a means to bring back interest in boxing.

Maxie Rosenbloom, former light heavyweight champion and a veteran night-club entertainer, brought a flock of laughs with his clever routine. So did Ross and Canzoneri. Louis, Marciano and Dempsey got cramps in their fingers from obliging autograph seekers. Braddock and Lesnevich entertained with amusing stories pertaining to their careers. Fight films showing the various guests in action in their most important bouts, followed the guest program.

Red Parton, Syracuse TV and radio announcer, was master of ceremonies. At each session professional boxers went

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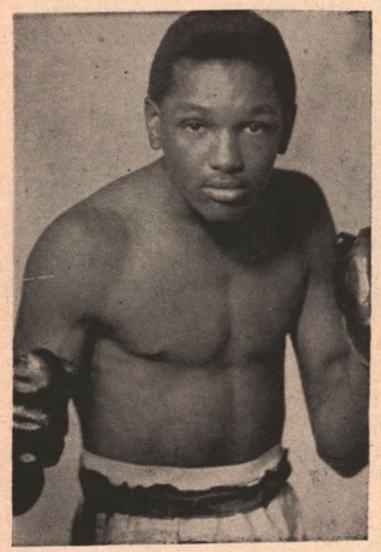
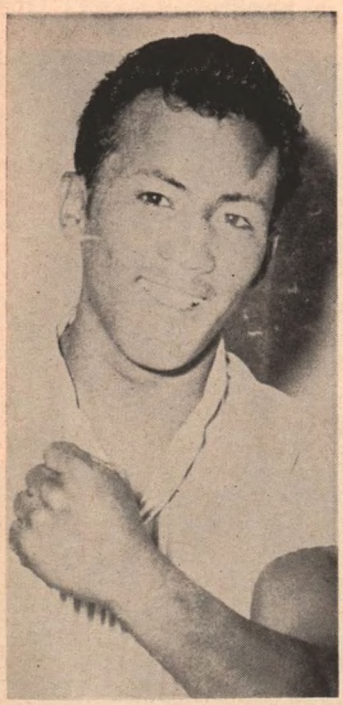
Nat Fleischer, at mike, lectures on the museum and Hall of Fame to a group of visitors at the Boxing Cavalcade at the New York State Fair in Syracuse. Thousands crowded into the 130 foot tent that housed the exhibit which included sparring exhibitions and actual training as well as the more static displays. Motion pictures of famous fights made a hit with the spectators.

Four For The Money

By LEW ESKIN



(Far left) Edwin Sykes, Panama bantamweight champion, who is the number eight ranked 118 pound title contender. (Left) Mel Barker, Austin, Texas welterweight Texas champion, who lost to Ralph Dupas in a bid for the Southern title in his last bout. (Above) Ward Yee, Chinese-American 118 pounder from Pasadena, California, who upset ranking Dommy Ursua in a recent contest.



Claudio Adame, hard hitting Mexican featherweight with an impressive record, one of the many top Latin fighters.

PROFESSIONAL boxing is a tough trade. Money may well be the root of evil, but it is also what makes the world go round and what makes a lad decide to become a fighter.

Four men who are earning their way as boxers with hope of a bigger and better future, are Ward Yee, Pasadena, Calif., bantamweight; Claudio Adame, Gomez-Palacio, Mexico featherweight; Mel Barker, Austin, Texas welterweight and Edwin Sykes, Colon, Panama bantamweight.

Yee, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, who now lives in Pasadena, Calif., with his wife and two children, a boy and girl, is one of nine children, whose older brothers Foo and Boo were fighters before him. Foo was a capable amateur and pro who was forced to quit due to poor eye sight. He is now attending college following a successful career as a simon pure. Ward's parents still live in Youngstown where they own and operate a laundry.

Ward started boxing at sixteen while still a student at South High School and fought until 1951, winning twenty of twenty-five bouts and capturing the Youngstown Golden Gloves flyweight title in 1949, 1950 and 1951. After his graduation he quit the ring and did not resume his career until 1953 when he was in the Air Force stationed in Texas.

In 1954 he won the San Antonio Golden Gloves bantamweight title and in 1955 he enjoyed a banner year, winning the Kansas City Golden Glove crown; the U.S.A.F. bantamweight title; the Inter-Service title and the Pan-American Trials 119 pound crown. The following year he won the Albuquerque Golden Glove title and the Southwestern conference U.S.A.F. championship, despite a broken thumb. In 1957 he was the Washington, D. C., Golden Gloves crown wearer and took the North Eastern Conference U.S.A.F. title belt.

Following his release from service, he journeyed to the West Coast where all the action among small men is centered. There he launched his pro career. His total amateur experience totaled eighty bouts of which he won seventy and lost only ten.

He began as a pro in August of 1957 and went through thirteen straight bouts before suffering his first loss, a six round split decision to Dave Martinez. In all, Yee has

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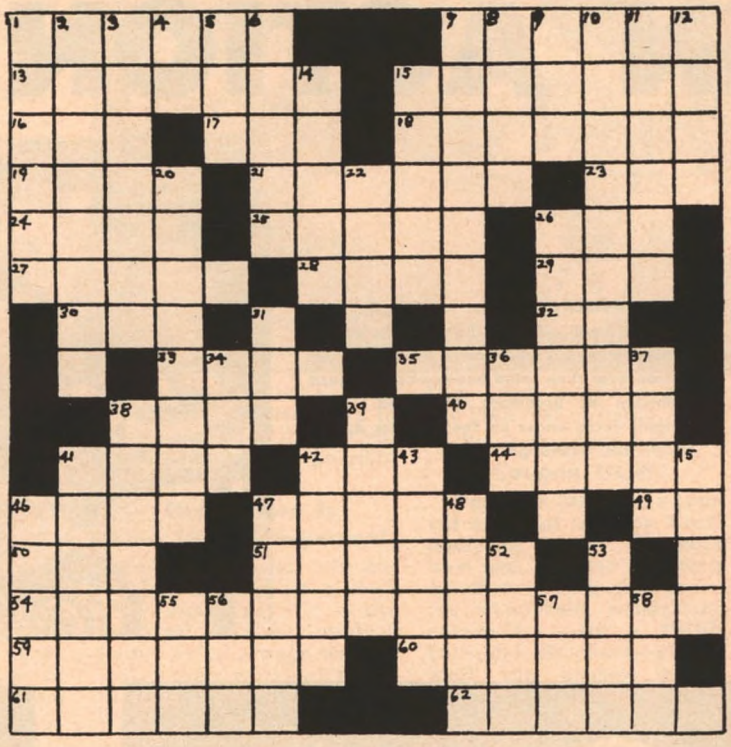
FIGHTIN' XWORDS

By KEN RICHARDS



ACROSS

1. Cuban Heavyweight
7. Select
13. Tendency to remain in motion
15. Former Hvywght Champ
16. What Joe Louis was in WWII
17. "—— Baba"
18. Great Lightweight Contendr.
19. American penny
21. Former Lightweight Champ
23. Malt beverage
24. Son of Isaac
25. Former Welterweight Champ
26. Greek letter
27. Scatter
28. Fume
29. Ship's record book
30. Officer's of the Day (abbr)
32. Hindu mystic sound
33. "Little" or "Speedy"
35. Former Middlewgt Champ
38. Former Bantamwgt Champ
40. Downcast
41. Turkish Title (pl.)
42. Commissioned Naval instructor (init.)
44. First name of a former Light-heavywgt Champ
46. Legs (colloq.)
47. Former Middlewgt Champ (N. Y.)
49. A language (abbr.)
50. Viper
51. Big Ten Nickname
54. Site of Louis-Roper fight
59. Not too far off (poet.)
60. Town in Wales
61. Old time heavyweight title claimant
62. Of the Cenozoic Era

DOWN

1. Martinez and Foster
2. Progenitor
3. Former Lightwgt Champ
4. Mr. Nardiello's Title (abbr)
5. Greek Letter
6. Man's name
7. American Indians
8. German nickname
9. Army fort in California
10. Junior Munsell's home state
11. Former German Middlewgt Champ Erich ——
12. Jane ——
14. Pointer
15. Hamas or Belloise
20. Day of week (pl.)
22. Sired
26. 'Work horse' type
31. Soft drink
34. Classified ——
36. Fordham footballer
37. Small spike
38. Manassa Mauler
39. Bikini
41. Former Puerto Rican Middlewgt contender, Jose ——
42. "—— to stand on"
43. Type of willow
45. Man's name (Scand.)
46. High winds
47. Billboards
48. Follow
52. Aviation group (init.)
53. Fruit of the Blackthorn
55. Same as 23 across
56. And not
57. TV network
58. Tavern

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FOUR FOR THE MONEY

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been to the post twenty-three times, losing only five and boxing to four draws.

Ward moved into the spotlight in his recent fight at Oakland when he won a ten round decision over ranking flyweight Dommy Ursua.

MEXICO MAKES GREAT STRIDES

Mexico today has more top line fighters than anytime in its fistic history, and in the four lower classes, there are more representatives of Mexico than any other country. One of the best of the featherweights, is a nineteen year old puncher from Gomez-Palacio in Durango, Claudio Adame.

He turned pro at fifteen in the summer of 1955. To date he has had about fifty-five fights, losing only four.

Until he dropped a close split decision to Santiago Martinez in Havana, he had a run of eighteen straight wins, including Fili Nava, Victor Manuel Quijano, Kid Anahuac, Luis Gutierrez, Antonio Ramirez, Chuy Guerrero and Fidel Lucero from whom he won the La-Laguna lightweight title.

MEL BAKER FORMER AAU CHAMP

Mel Barker, the Texas welterweight champion, is a personable twenty-four year old battler who won the Amateur 147 pound title of Texas in 1955. He won 25 of 26 bouts, losing out in the semi-finals of the Western Golden Gloves at Chicago.

He lost his first pro bout on a six-round decision to Babe Vance in Dallas a few weeks later. Far from discouraged, he went back four days later in San Antonio and scored his first win which was followed by a run of fourteen bouts before he was again beaten. This time he lost to Ray Portilla in 10.

Two fights later and with less than a year's pro experience under his belt he went up against Virgil Akins. The St. Louis puncher had too much for Mel and stopped him in eight rounds, but not before Akins knew he was in a fight. Barker laid off for over a year following this contest, then came back to win from veteran Charley Salas and later kayoed Danny Cardenas in four rounds to win the Texas title.

SYKES GAINS RATING

Panama has long been a boxing hothead, but in recent years the country has not had too many top notchers. In their bantamweight king, twenty-one-year-old Edwin Sykes, who by virtue of his recent kayo win over Manuel Armenteros gained a place in the Ring's international ratings, has given them that long sought-after star who might follow in the footsteps of Panama Al Brown, world champion twenty odd years ago.

Sykes, with an impressive amateur career, became a pro in May of 1956 and like Barker, dropped his debut fight, a six rounder to Rodolfo Marshall.

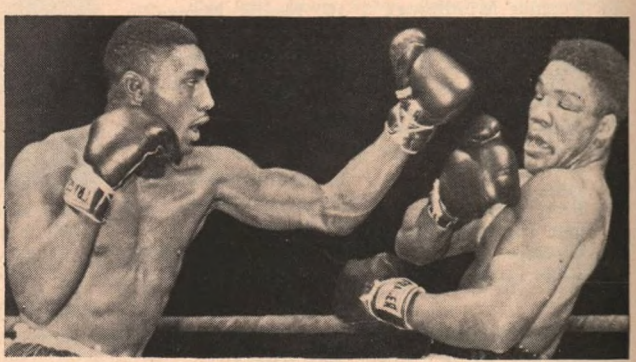
A string of thirteen wins followed with Basilio Williams, Rodolfo Ampudia, Ernesto Campbell, Byron Cumberbatch, Toto Ibarra, present Cuban champion Felix Gutierrez and Claudio Martinez among his victims. The second Ibarra fight, which he won by a knockout in the thirteen round, gained him the Panama title.

THE MONTH IN ACTION

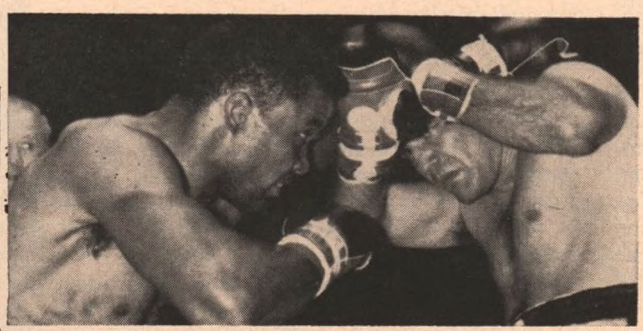
Tony Anthony on the comeback trail stepped out of the light heavyweight ranks to win a unanimous ten round decision over then rated heavyweight Alonzo Johnson at Baltimore, Maryland. Tony (right) ducks under his foe's gloves during a heated exchange.

An oddity and not one to our liking but here it is—Barbara Buttrick of Yorkshire, England, taking a jolting left to the jaw from Gloria Adams of Miami, Florida in a four round contest at North Miami, Florida, won by Miss Buttrick.

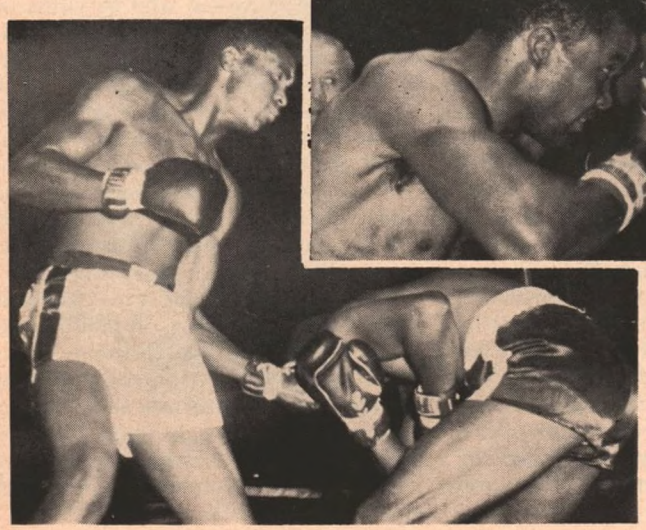
In Chicago Joe Giardello of Philadelphia, a top ranking middleweight, lost a unanimous ten round decision to Dick Tiger, British Empire middleweight champion, right, moving in with a left as this picture was taken.



A newcomer to contendership forced his way into the middleweight picture by decisively defeating highly regarded Rory Calhoun over the ten round route. Rudy Ellis (left) seen here taking command and forcing Calhoun to retreat during their bout at Chicago.



Peek-a-boo. . . . Willi Besmanoff, right, plays handsies with Eddie Machen in their Portland, Oregon contest that was won by Machen via a ten round decision.



Out Pittsburgh way Pennsylvania middleweight champion Bobby Gordon of Charleroi sticks a left to the body of Al Hauser of Philadelphia in the seventh round of a scheduled twelve rounder of a bout that was held on a barge. The winner was Gordon who retained his crown.

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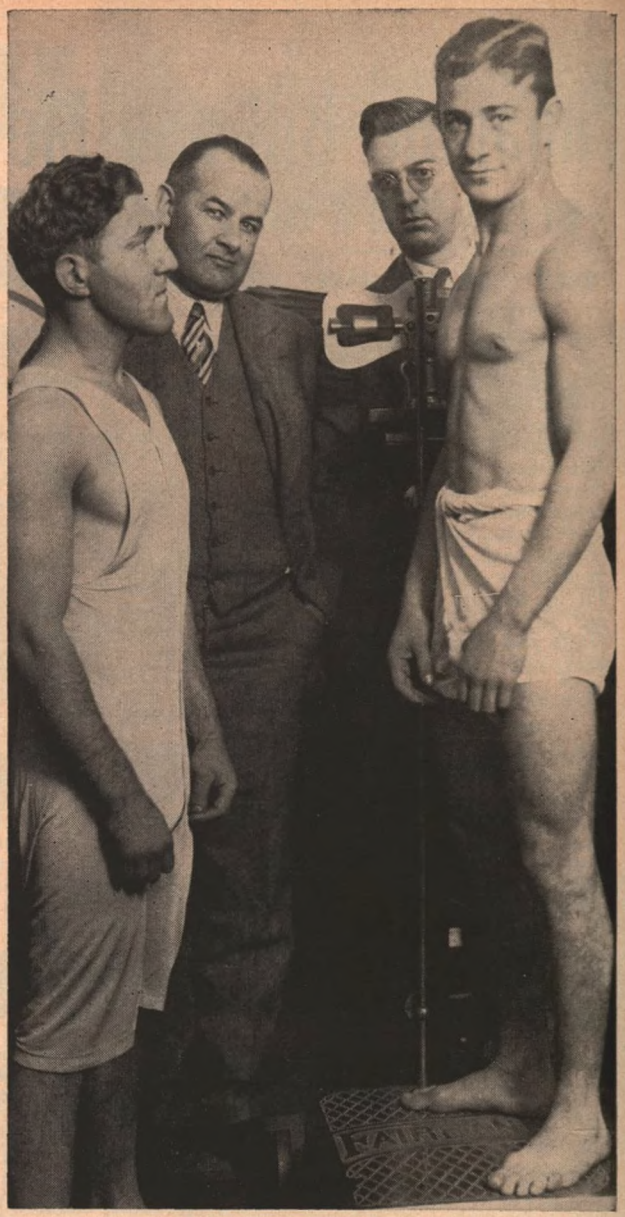
FLASHBACKS

Terry McGovern (right) seen with his brother Hughey when Terry was the bantamweight champion of the world. Hughey was a better than average 116 pounder and the brothers often acted as seconds for each other. A third brother Phil was also a boxer.

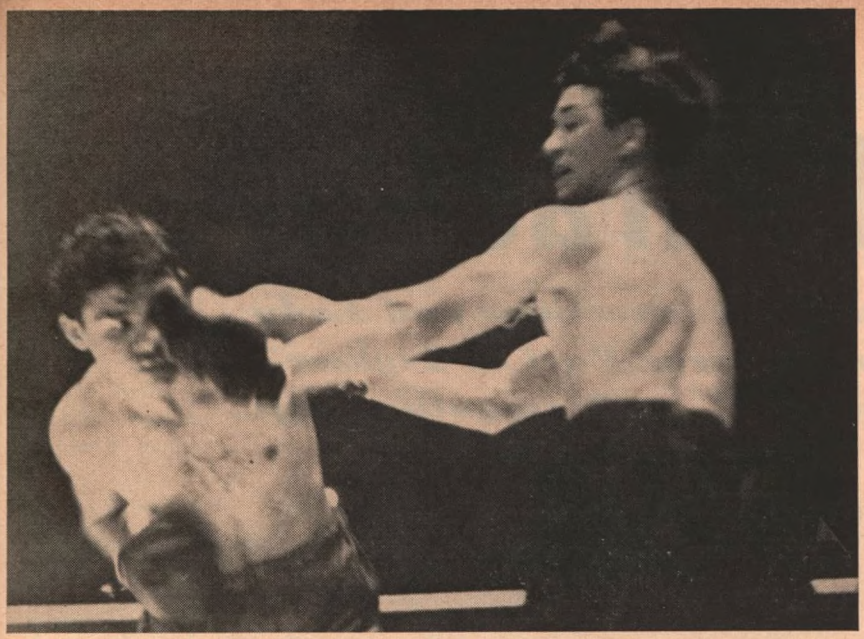


Benny Bass, on scales, weighing in for his ten round fight with Red Chapman, left, the winner to take over the then vacant feather-weight title of the world. It was the second meeting of these two; both fights taking place in 1927 with Bass winning both. He won their first encounter on a foul in one round and the crown via a ten round decision in their second encounter. The first meeting took place in New York, the second in Philadelphia.

Five ex champions all in uniforms of their country during World War II. Left to right: Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champ, a Naval Lt. Commander; Benny Leonard, retired, undefeated lightweight champ, a Naval Lieutenant; Billy Conn, ex light heavyweight king, an Army Corporal; Gus Lesnevich, ex light heavyweight crown holder, a Second Class Petty Officer in the Coast Guard; and Lieutenant Jimmy Braddock of the U. S. Army, former heavyweight champion of the world.

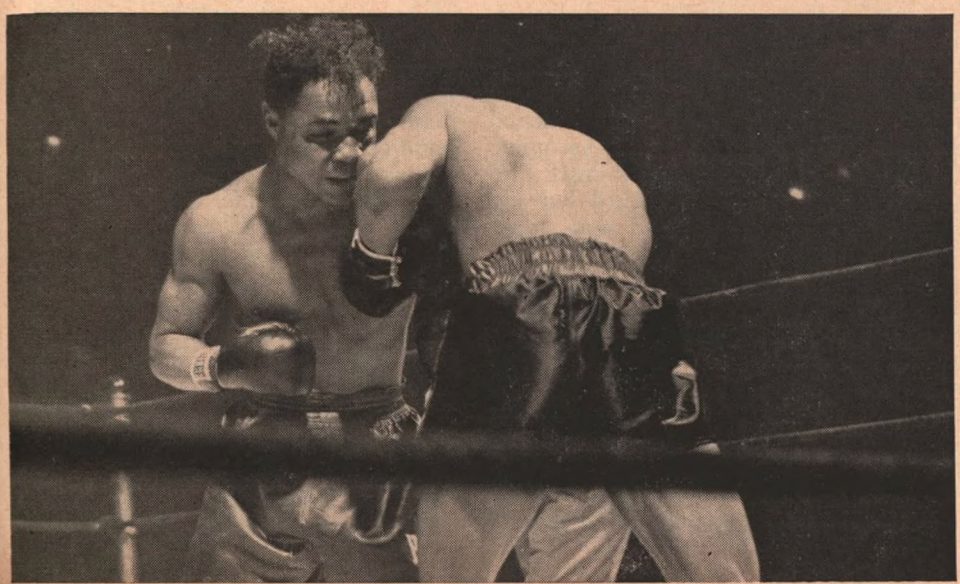
FAMOUS FIGHTS RECALLED

Photos From The Ring Museum



Tony Canzoneri (left) looking for an opening for his right in his battle with Sammy Mandell for the lightweight title of the world on August 2, 1929 at the Chicago Stadium. The bout scheduled for ten rounds went to a split decision with Mandell retaining his crown. The very close fight had its big moment in the second round when Tony had Mandell groggy but wasn't able to put across the finisher. Referee Dave Barry voted in favor of Canzoneri but his vote was overruled by the two judges Phil Collins and Ed Klein, who tabbed the champ as the winner.

Kid Chocolate, the Cuban Bon Bon Kid, (left) successfully defended his New York version of the featherweight title against Seaman Tom Watson, holder of the British 126 pound championship, in a fifteen rounder at Madison Square Garden, New York City. The affair took place on May 19, 1933 before approximately 15,000 who witnessed a boxer vs slugger match that saw both men staggered repeatedly with Watson, the slugger, tasting the rosin in the tenth round when he attempted to back away from the champ's left hook.



Hammering Henry Armstrong had lost all his titles and was on the comeback trail the night of April 2, 1943 when he pummeled his way to a ten round decision over a left hooking Beau Jack, known as the Shoe Shine Boy from Augusta. Since retiring Armstrong has become a minister and Beau Jack has returned to being a Shoe Shine Boy in Miami Beach, Florida.

By TED CARROLL

What a Character!...

Ability, Glamour, Connections and Lady Luck All Play a Large Part in Fighter's Climb To Success . . . . Personality Boys Do Best At Box Office.

OLD Archie Moore will be as well remembered for his uncanny manipulation of his own weight as for his fighting ability, though that has been more than adequate. America's well fed population, millions of whom wage an unceasing battle with the scales, is evincing much interest in Archaic Archie's weight reducing methods, supposedly culled from the tribal secrets of Australian aborigines. Archie changes his poundage with the same ease with which he changes his clothes, and with little loss of fighting effectiveness.

Whether he really has an undisclosed formula for unfattening himself or whether the publicity-conscious veteran is merely creating this impression to keep himself spotlighted, is anybody's guess.

Moore for years was one of Fistiana's *"forgotten men,"* a good journeyman who would disappear into the tank town circuit and go on his plodding, obscure way. Somewhere along the line, and it seems to date from his first contact with the late James J. Johnston, the light heavyweight king saw the light, or maybe it was the limelight, which always seemed to play upon the garish Johnston. Then and there he made the belated discovery that talent without recognition wasn't much different than no talent at all.

Archie resolved to divert some attention his way, and a long flamboyant campaign of self-publicizing paid off to the tune of a million dollar gate when he finally met Rocky Marciano for the heavyweight title two years ago. With the *"Marciano-is-afraid-of-me"* gimmick all used up, Moore hit upon his weight making miracles to keep the Moore myth alive, and again struck *"pay-dirt"* publicity wise.

In his far flung travels Archie came upon the answer to obesity in primitive Australia, where the magic formula for losing weight was divulged to him by a friendly Maori chief, so he says! It could be so, and it is that possibility which keeps the middle-aged marvel spotlighted and makes him one of the most alluring ring *"personalities."*

"Personality," "color," "glamour," call-it-what-you-will, can't be substituted for a tender chin or lack of a punch, but it can go a long way towards raising the box office value of whatever assets a fighter may have. The public likes *"personalities,"* likes to read about them, be seen with them, argue about them, and take sides over them. Public *"figures"* and their doings add spice and zest to the humdrum world of monotony.

It has reached the stage where the feeling is one of disappointment, if Sugar Ray Robinson doesn't come up with something to upset the dull routine of preparation for a big fight. Sugar Ray's theatricalism, his trailing chain of stooges and retainers, his rainbow colored Cadillacs, controversial wise cracks, and insistence on getting every penny he thinks is due him, all contribute towards making the sleek Harlemite one of the most noticed of contemporary figures.

Rocky Graziano parlayed a delinquent youth into oceans of copy and a best selling book. This coupled with a rousing fighting style and a robust right hand punch, made the former middleweight champion a *"personality"* who was astute enough to make it pay off as a TV performer after his fighting days were done.

Another would-be thespian, Lou Nova, would no doubt be recalled as just another defeated Louis challenger, but for the "Yogi" business which transformed Nova from a plodder into a *"personality"* overnight. When Lou announced that the ancient Oriental practice of Yoga was to be his prime means of conditioning himself for Louis, the public bewildered but impressed took another and more interested look at Lou.

Likewise Tony Galento might have remained mired in the Jersey marshes, just another run-of-mill-mauler, but for his constant repetition of the somewhat uncouth cliche, *"I'll moider the bum!"* plus a supposed propensity for beer drinking and brawling, most of which was drummed up in the imaginative mind of the late great publicist Harry Mendel, a master at that type of ballyhoo.

This made Tony a *"character"* and once again the payoff was big.

Max Baer was the original *"personality kid"*. In fact, many people claim that a little less personality and a little more seriousness would have made Baer one of the greatest champions, since he had all the natural assets.

Crusty old one-time N. Y. Boxing Commissioner Bill Brown, watching Baer, caper and cavort through an alleged *"training"* session, grouchily commented, *"He should be in a circus, instead of fighting for the heavyweight championship!"* Madcap Maxie grinned and clowned his way into the headlines as a *"personality"* rather than as a pugilist, and that was his undoing.

Another one time heavyweight king who might have done better with a little less personality was spotlight seeking Jack Johnson. Besides his many *"unconventional"* marriages and romances, the gold-toothed Galveston ring great in his eagerness to remain in the public eye eventually became a cinder in it.

He challenged Auto race champion Barney Oldfield to a race which turned out to be a fiasco. While in *"exile"* overseas, reports drifted back across the water, that he was to take a fling at bull fighting in sunny Spain.

Back in the states, his beret became his insignia, making him conspicuous wherever he went, and as a sideshow attraction to a flea circus in a Broadway *"dime museum"*, he retained his yen for the outlandish to the end. Even his finish in an automobile smashup, the result of his long time failing for speeding, was tragically consistent with Jack Johnson's way of life.

The simple *"child-of-nature"* stamp, made familiar years ago by Senegalese Battling Siki who paraded a half grown lion up and down the Paris boulevards, had a stateside echo years later in unschooled, immature, Hurricane Jackson.

Strangely enough, many of Jackson's remarks had a primitive profundity. Queried by writers about his liking for running around barefoot, his reply, *"I was born without shoes, wasn't I?"*, set them thinking that maybe the Hurricane

didn't blow quite so aimlessly as he seemed to. Certainly the Hurricane never blew Mama Jackson off course, in her steady march to the bank after each and every fight. A "*character*" he may have been, but at payoff time, the Hurricane would subside into a dead calm while Mama Jackson took over.

The great middleweight champions, Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb and Mickey Walker were "*playboys*" who cut high jinks from coast to coast in the gay spots of the time. Funmakers all, they combined frivolity with fighting in a manner which made them of the Twenties, and from then on Tunney occupied a unique position among the personalities of the day.

The forerunner of all modern prize ring "*personalities*" was the blustering John L. Sullivan, hero of the last century. "*Shake the hand that shook the hand of John L. Sullivan,*" was a line immortalized in song and story of the Gay Nineties. The roistering life which made him a standout on the American scene in his youth, was, in reverse fashion to make him a "*personality*" years later when, long retired, he made country-wide tours crusading happened to Joe Louis. The old Bomber was so towering a figure, his own reticence couldn't obscure his significance as a symbol.

Piety was the prop upon which Tiger Flowers built his public appeal and uniqueness thirty years ago. As the Georgia Deacon who prayed before every fight, Flowers became a distinct ring personality.

An advertised aversion to training along with other eccentricities, focused public attention on Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom, so much so, that Maxie was able to capitalize heavily on this

personality standouts of their eras.

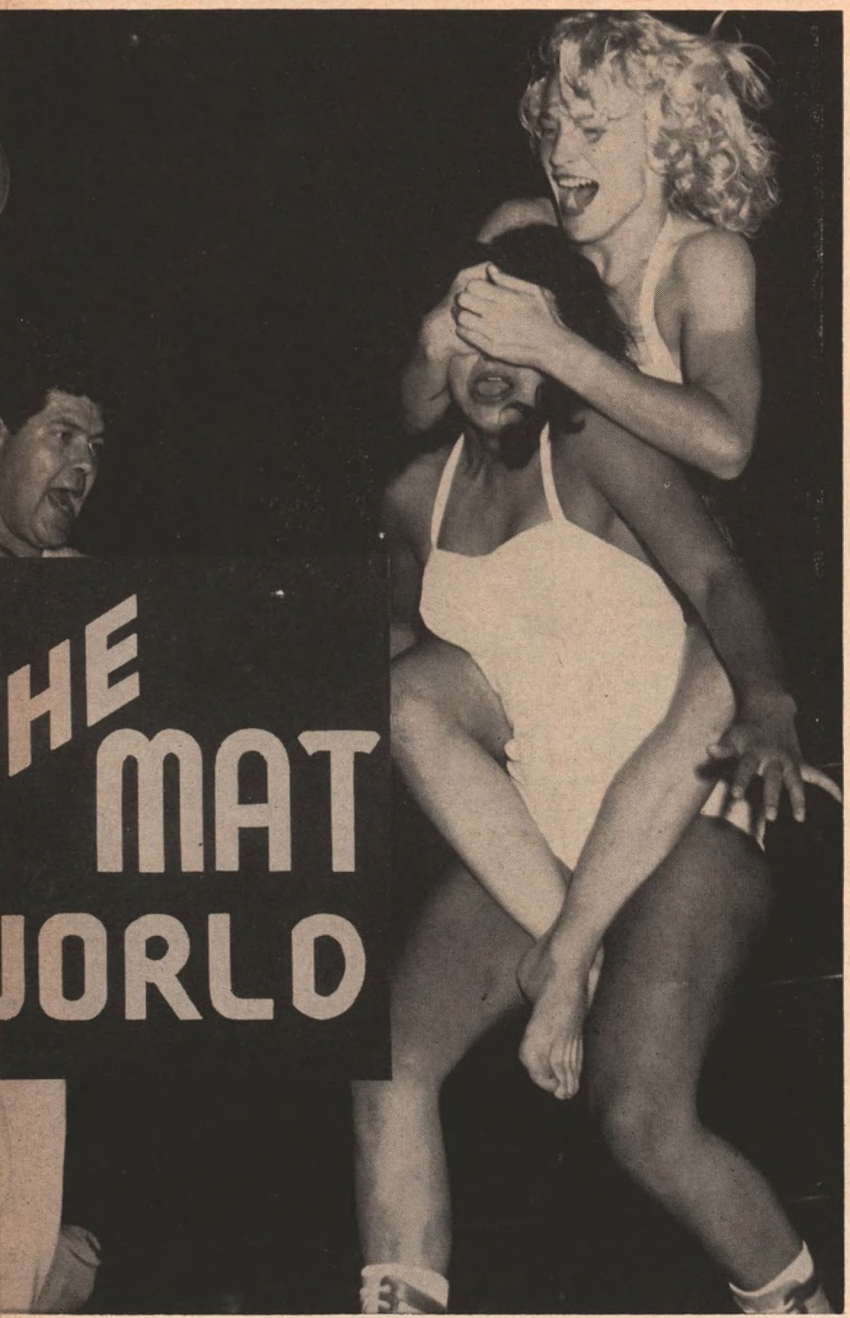
If some of our famed fighters became personalities by projecting themselves into public awareness, Gene Tunney got the same results by deigning a distaste for the spotlight. Gene's alleged liking for solitude and Shakespeare, set him up as something different from the general conception of pugilists of his time.

Tunney's "*intellectualism*" singled out by Prof. William Lyon Phelps as genuine, brought him an invitation to lecture at Yale, on Shakespeare. His campus appearance was a phenomenon against his earlier habits, and their effects. A public figure to the day he died, old John L. was more than a "personality" in his heyday, he became a legend.

Some fighters become "personalities" through sheer ability and the idolatry of the crowd. Such a one was Benny Leonard, conservative in manner, the great former lightweight champion, was such a hero in New York and was so superior a fighter, the name "*Benny Leonard*" was enough to make him one of the most dazzling figures of the Roaring Twenties. The same thing public stereotype in Hollywood.

Lew Jenkins, just another hungry fighter up to the time he won the lightweight title, proceeded to pick up a devil-may-care reputation for himself which put him in the "*character*" category from then on.

Many years have passed and many foreign fighters have made their marks as ringmen since Georges Carpentier was the darling of both Paris and London, but none of them, not even Max Schmeling, has approached the glamorous "*Orchid Man*" as an overseas ring personality.



Judy Grable getting a little rough with Rita Cortez after taking a mauling herself from the girl tiger. Grable won the match with some fancy footwork.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

WITH wrestling becoming more of a participant sport among our highschool and college lads it would seem that the ever growing spectator sport will have a steady flow of new faces to look forward to. Wrestling has been attracting the college men more and more. We recall Gus Sonnenberg and his flying tackle and drop kick, Jim Browning, Bronko Nagurski et al., in the good ole days but a check of today's whose who discloses over three fourths the roster of top men are college graduates and over one-half of the fraternity have advanced degrees from Post college work.

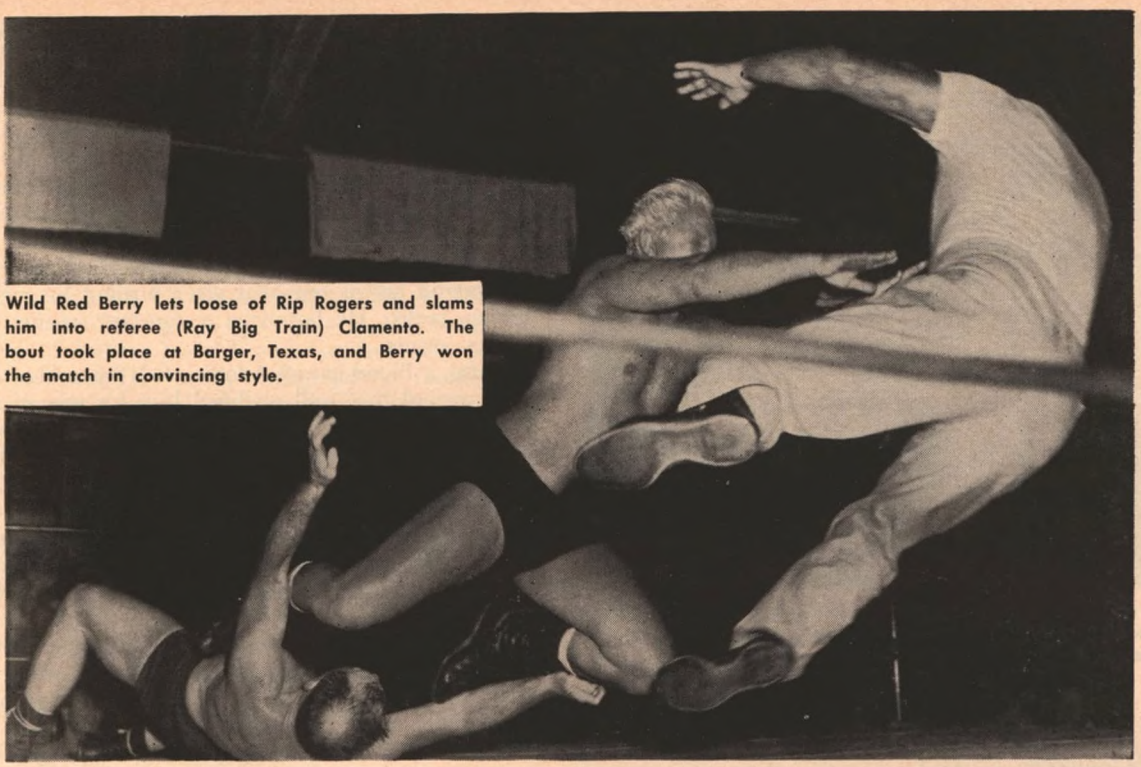
All of this leads to one point. . . . Our wrestlers are probably the most intelligent group of men in any professional sport with the possible exception of professional football. With all this physical and mental ability is there any wonder that wrestling is the fastest growing sport in America.

We notice that Fritz Von Erich has adopted the "Claw Hold" in addition to his "Prussian Drop" . . . originator of the "Claw Hold" to the stomach . . . a paralyzing of the midsection by applying pressure to the lead muscles, was none other than Duke Keomuka, who has been having trouble with officials in certain locales resulting from claims that the hold is illegal.

Judo expert Mr. Moto is currently doing a good job in Carolinas. . . . Ted Christy is also busy down that neck of the woods . . . like Tiger Joe Marsh, among others, he has appeared in many plays and movies . . . remember Ted in "Some Like it Hot" and "Sailor on Horseback" . . . Word from Gene Gordon is to the effect that Ted is really gassing them in the South.

Allan Shaw, who has been doing such

Above: Left to right: Tiger Joe Marsh, Marlon Brando and Gene Dubuque talk things over on set of Brando's newest film. Marsh has worked with Brando in several movies, Dubuque, internationally known wrestler, recently completed a tour of Japan and Honolulu. Right: Gorgeous George's tie seems to interest actor-crooner Bing Crosby. Maybe the two will have a necktie party.



Wild Red Berry lets loose of Rip Rogers and slams him into referee (Ray Big Train) Clamento. The bout took place at Barger, Texas, and Berry won the match in convincing style.

a bang up job of drum thumping for Ricki Starr sends along word that Ricki is having trouble wherever he goes being mistaken for Marlon Brando. . . . We wonder if Marlon is ever mistaken for Ricki?

Edmonton, Canada has a new promoter in Stu Hart. . . . Al Oeming is the out-going head man who for so many years has been giving grapplin fans top attractions. . . . Al is leaving the grunt and groaners to devote more time to his Alberta Wild Life farm. . . . Al is noted as an animal trainer and authority on wild animals. The new head Stu Hart has been one of Canada's leading weight lifters and a football player while at college.

Did you know that Pedro Martinez who does such a good job of promoting at Rochester also is putting the cards on in Cleveland and Erie among other cities? The lad's really spreading his wings.

The Minneapolis Armory under the D. G. Stecher banner has some top talent showing with Dick Hutton, Hans Schmidt, Tiny Mills, a new sensation in Ray Gordon, Frank Townsend, the singing master, Haystack Calhoun, Lou Thesz, Pat O'Connor . . . man what a line up for the fall season.

RING POPULARITY POLL

Men

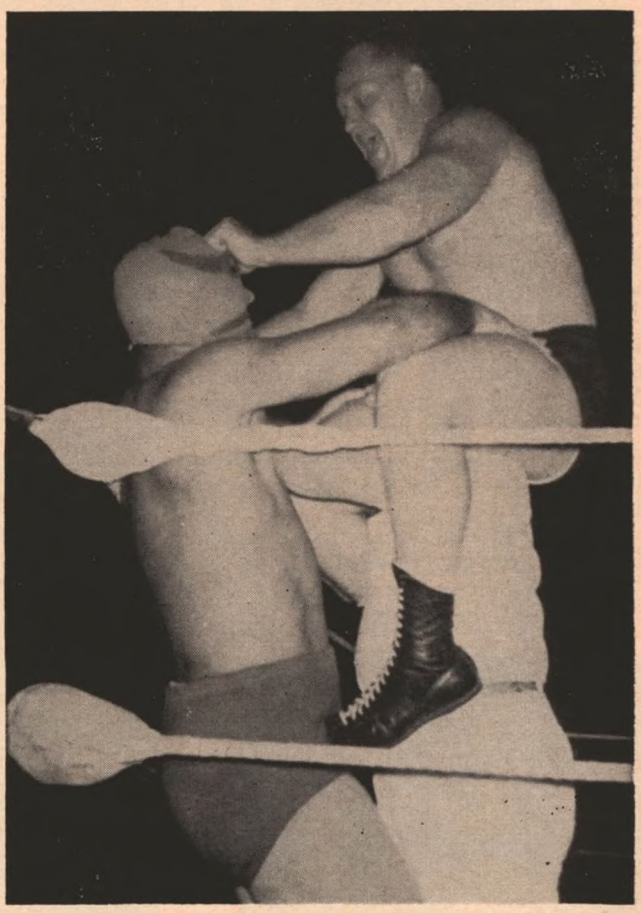
1 Pat O'Connor
2 Ricki Starr
3 Ronnie Etchison
4 "Cowboy" Bob Ellis
5 Johnny Valentine
6 Count Billy Varga
7 Amazing Zuma
8 Wilbur Snyder
9 Antonino Rocco
10 Chris and John Tolos (Tag team)

Women

1 June Byers (Champion)
2 Judy Grable
3 Kay Noble
4 Princess Tomah
5 Nell Stewart
6 Princess Moolah
7 Rita Cortez
8 Penny Banner
9 Jane Mull
10 Olga Zepeda

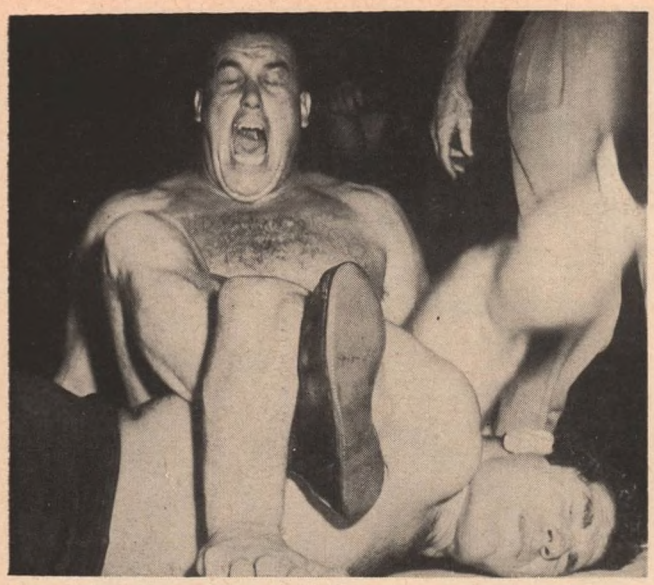
THE FAN CLUB CORNER

Received a nice note from Barbara Franklin re the organization of a Fan Club for Nick Kozak, the Canadian heavyweight who has a claim on the Texas crown. Those interested can contact Miss Franklin at 2217 Ave. K, Galveston, Texas.



Red McKim on top of Wayne Martin (referee) in an attempt to demask the Great Bolo. The later was disqualified for using illegal tactics a few minutes after photo was taken.

Miss Pat Hawkins, prexy of the Verne Gagne FC, thanks this corner for our remarks on her Bulletin "Go, Ganya". No thanks are necessary . . . the club is full of drive and the bulletin deserved the "Kudo". . . . Anyone wanting to



Leo, the Lion, Nomellini, Pacific Coast heavyweight sensation, applying the squeezeroo to roughie Ilio Di Paolo of New York, in their match at Fresno, California. The bout ended in a draw. Photo by Harold Yick

contact Miss Hawkins may write to 7119 Chestnut St., N.W., Washington 12, D. C.

Here's a new FC, prexied by Miss Nancy Deese. The honorary is the top Judo expert, Mr. Moto. Address Miss Deese: General Delivery, Hickory, North Carolina.

Word is in from Miss Diane Devine, who states that she is temporarily discontinuing her Pat Lyda club due to non-cooperation and has started a club for Red McKim of Tulsa, Oklahoma, instead. Her address is 435 South Fort Ave., Springfield, Mo.

The Johnny Barend FC, President, Phyllis Bateman, has a few openings left . . . first to join will be accepted . . . write her at Box 151, Norwich, Ontario, Canada.

Following are a few more Fan Clubs you wrestling followers may care to join:

Paul Bouchard FC, President Miss Julienne Doiron, 1840 Papineau, Ville Jacque Cartier, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Don and Luke Field FC, write to: Miss Phyllis Lewis, Box 25, Signal Mtn., Tenn.; Charles Chuck Devona FC, President, Pamela V. Docker, 220 Park Ave., Paterson, New Jersey.

Speaking of Fan Club activities the latest bulletins from the Johnny Rougeau International, Prexy, Mary Halsey, The "Flash" on Johnny Barend, head gal, Phyllis Bateman, and "The Whip", on Whipper Billy Watson, Evelyn Davies, Prez. . . . are all excellent jobs and show imagination and loads of interest on the part of the clubs involved. Their honoraries should realize how lucky they are to have these gals batting for them.

PROFESSOR ROY SHIRE

For several years Professor Roy Shire has been defeating the best junior heavyweight and heavyweight matmen in the skull crushing business.

The "Professor," as he likes to be called, won the NWA 200-pound crown one year after turning his sights to the money ranks. He has been a constant winner and a big money earner.

Shire, a blond-haired Adonis of 210-pounds, had an amateur record that well qualified him for pro wrestling. He grappled at the University of Northwestern and piled up an impressive record while wearing the "whites" of the United States Navy.

Outside of the ring Roy is a likeable, well-mannered fellow with plenty of personality. When once donning his ring togs, the professor is a hard to get along with individual. At this writing he is one of the most hated, that means popular, "villains" in wrestling.

The Professor Roy Shire fan club is one of the largest in the United States. Members of the fair sex scream, pull their hair and fall in the aisles when the big blond strolls towards the ring.

His favorite foods are vegetables, steaks and sea foods.

SHORT ON JOHNNY VALENTINE
By Texas Bob Utter

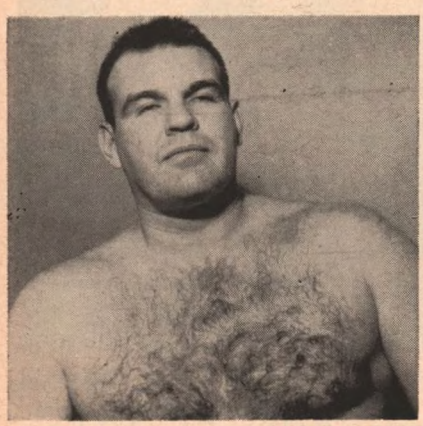
When talking to the majority of big name wrestlers you usually find after the first fifty-seconds of conversation that their one aim in life is to someday wear the global belt. However, in the case of John T. Valentine, this is not true!

Big John, who pulls down around 30 G's a year as a rasslin' villain has his eye cast in the direction of the Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall. *"I won't be rasslin' there either,"* snapped the big blonde. *"I'll be singin' and makin' more money."*

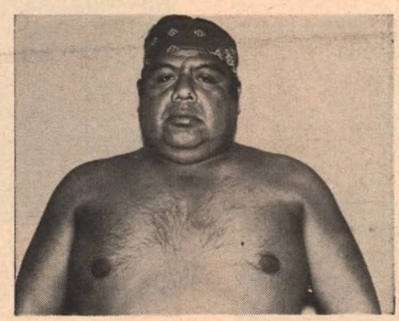
Johnny served his wrestling apprenticeship under the great Stanislaus Zbyszko at the latter's cauliflower farm in Missouri. When you stop to think about it John hasn't done badly for himself in the industry of hard knocks. He's rated as one of the roughest wrestlers to ever lace on a pair of mat shoes; his travels take him over the entire world.

At present Johnny is studying voice under the directorship of Mrs. Elaine Scorzia who was once featured in the LaScala Opera Company in Milan, Italy.

A native of Houston, Mrs. Scorzia stands a mere 5-feet 3-inches in height and weighs a scant 115 pounds. According to Johnny, Mrs. Scorzia is as tough a teacher as Duke



Larry Hamilton, Canadian villain, who has been wowing fans in the Carolinas for several years. He is considered one of the game's real "two-fisted" lads.



Jefe Mesa Redonda, "Mr. Five by Five" who toes in at 260 pounds and received his nickname from his height 5' 5". He is a Yaqui Indian from Sonora, Mexico, who has recently returned from a successful tour of South America.

Tex Riley, part of the tag team combine with Len Rossi which has been burning up rings in Tennessee territory.

Keomuka or Bull Curry are wrestlers. She spends four hours each week trying to teach Big John the art of volume control, correct breathing and poise.

"She thinks D is the lowest thing there is," laughed Johnny. *"She hasn't met Duke Keomuka."*

The only thing that has John worried is how that he is going to have his voice insured. *"I don't think Lloyd's of London will insure an Operatic singin' rassler,"* frowned the big guy.

Not long ago Valentine wrestled four times in Madison Square Garden with his top purse being around $4200 for one match. That is enough to pay for over 800 hours of voice training in Italian, Spanish and German. He could save money in Spanish by rasslin' either Pepper Gomez or El Medico. Pepper's called John some rather hot words in Spanish.

As for wrestling and Valentine the big man has teamed up with Jerry Graham replacing Jerry's brother Eddie currently.

His favorite hold in the twist'em and bend'em league is the back-breaker. According to Johnny's wife, Nancy, it resembles an ancient torture rack devised by Queen Catherine DeMedici of Spain.

Johnny's three children, Tony, 8, Holly, 7, and Brandy, 5, all sing but go for the rock and roll type selections.

EASTERN WRESTLING ACTION ***By Earle Yetter***

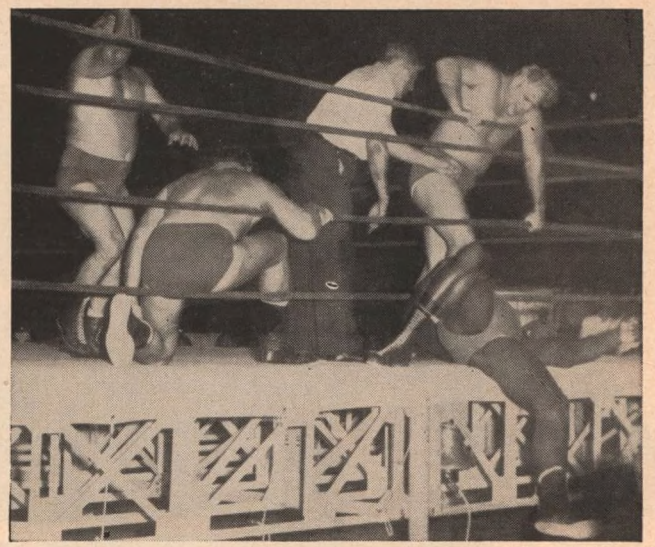
According to reports, the 1959-60 wrestling season has gotten off to a flying start and is expected to exceed previous seasons in more ways than one. Via my grapevine, from fan club presidents and from dozens of readers of THE RING comes the information that fans are storming the turnstiles of more than 540 arenas throughout the country to see more than 4,000 wrestlers in action. Indications all along the wrestling horizon foretell renewed and continued interest in the greatest of body contact sports.

Wrestling promoters are going all out to provide first line attractions for their clients. As some of the veterans of the mat retire to more peaceful pursuits in life, talented newcomers are coming into the sport from all walks of life and they will be "the stars of tomorrow" in a new wrestling regime.

It is the solid, satisfying pride of the dyed-in-the-wool oldtimers who are the answer to today's critics and Ha Ha boys who seek to malign the sport at every opportunity. But, wrestling laughs back at them, because it continues to draw more people through the turnstiles than any other sport. It continues to give its loyal fans dollar for dollar value as it wends its way to new unique and spectacular conquests.

Promoter Pedro Martinez has pulled out all the stops in rounding up outstanding attractions for the new season. Stars such as Fritz von Erich, Roy McClarty, Bobo Brazil, Sandor Kovacs, Chief Don Eagle, Mighty Atlas, The Gallagher Brothers, The Miller Brothers, The Amazing Zuma, and periodic visits of the Midget brigades are but a small part. Cleveland, Astabula, Akron, Toledo, Lorraine, Canton and Mansfield in Ohio are now being booked by Martinez as is Worcester, Mass.

The opening card of the new season in Buffalo saw that rampaging German Fritz von Erich opposing Roy McClarty in a two out of three falls bout and it must be said that Von Erich is just about the most menacing figure on the mat today. He goes about the job of annihilating his opponent in the shortest time possible and he will do just about anything in the book to accomplish his purpose. However, he had a worthy adversary who knows all the answers in McClarty.



The Gallagher Brothers, the two man mayhem squad, were disqualified in two out of three falls. Mike Gallagher is seen giving the boot to Bobo Brazil while referee Frank Powderly counts for the break. Doc Gallagher is raining fore arm licks, Judo style, to Roy McClarty's neck. Photo by Earle Yetter.

The first card of the 1959-60 season in Buffalo saw 5,225 fans on hand in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium to witness a sterling list of bouts. The Fritz von Erich-Roy McClarty feature saw just about everything in the books. Von Erich pulled out all the stops trying for a fast victory, but the dogged determination of McClarty in stemming off defeat time after time won this Canadian worthy many new friends, and admirers.

When Von Erich piled on considerable abuse, he found McClarty retaliating in full measure. Both were outside the ring repeatedly, and it was one of the best bouts seen in Buffalo in a long time. When McClarty applied his "Sleeper-Hold" on a couple of occasions, Von Erich kicked free and headed for the ropes. Von Erich then threw McClarty out of the ring. While McClarty lay on the cement floor Von Erich gave him his dreaded Prussian Drop off the apron to land with his knee upon McClarty's throat. McClarty crawled back, but was dazed and then submitted to Von Erich's controversial "Stomach-Claw" hold. It was 25:14 minutes of stirring action all the way through.

In preliminary bouts, Mighty Atlas defeated Tony Marino with his vaunted full nelson hold in 13:11. Previous to this bout, Atlas put on a demonstration of his strength for the fans. Two puffing seconds hauled a 250 pound anvil into the ring. Then Atlas brought forth a board full of spikes, laid it on his stomach and then asked for the anvil to be laid upon the board, while a husky spectator came into the ring and hit the anvil three times with a sledge hammer. It was a fitting demonstration of Atlas's strength and it earned for him a feature

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No newcomer to the mat Elaine Perry has finally caught on with those who follow the gal wrestlers. She has a solid frame to match her beauty and can rough and tumble it with the best of them.

By
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FRITZ VON ERICH

"The Blitzkrieg From Berlin"

ONE of the most controversial wrestlers to come down the pike in the past five years, is 30 year old, 6 ft. 4½", 272 pound Fritz Von Erich, the "Blitzkreig From Berlin", who has left behind him a trail of havoc and mayhem in two continents, while climbing into the coveted position as one of the leading contenders for World Heavyweight Championship honors.

Although Von Erich was born in Germany, he secured his education in the United States. He was a three letter man in Wrestling, Football and Track at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where he received his B.A. degree in Business Administration and a minor in Physical Education. He played with such S. M. U. greats as Doak Walker, Kyle Rote and Gilbert Johnson.

Von Erich's opponents on the gridiron still have vivid memories of the devastation inflicted by him in every game that he played. Fritz had more "unnecessary roughness" penalties called against him than any other college player up until that time. Because of his uncontrollable temper he was "thrown out" of 14 games while at college and he later played Pro Football with the Dallas Texans, now known as the Baltimore Colts of the National Professional Football League.

While Fritz liked to play football, he got bigger kicks out of sending opponents to dreamland on amateur wrestling mats. He trained under the watchful eye of his father, who was an outstanding amateur wrestler a dozen years ago. Fritz wrestling as an amateur for three years in Y. M. C. A.

Opposite page we see Von Erich in act of completing his dreaded "Prussian Drop." He performs this maneuver by leaping from the top rope to land on his opponent, usually rendering his rival hors de combat. His victim here is Bobby Brown, who was put out of action for several days (Photo by Earle Yetter)

competition and with The Dallas Athletic Club. When he swept all opposition before him in the simon pure ranks, it was only natural that he cast his eyes toward the professional end of the sport. So he trained diligently for six months and prepared for a professional mat career which got under way back in 1952.

In ring action Fritz is a brutal antagonist with maniacal tendencies. He is vicious beyond concept and has caused more serious injuries to his opponents than any other pro grappler in my memory. For a man of his weight, he is fast and uses power and pulverizing tactics to wear down opponents. In many of his bouts he does as much fighting outside the ring as he does inside. He is a constant target of fans who hurl assorted missiles at him while enroute to his dressing room. There are many, however, who admire Von Erich and although he is disqualified in many of his bouts, it cannot be denied that he has a record of which any wrestler can be proud.

This super-charged German Bomber has held the Canadian Heavyweight Championship; the New England Heavyweight Title; and The Texas Brass Knucks Championship, which is a symbol of the toughest wrestler to appear in that state. For that honor, which he still possesses at this writing, he put the quietus on Bull Curry, in one of the greatest knock-down and drag out battles ever seen in Texas.

It must be admitted that Von Erich will have to be reckoned with as an up and coming contender for World Championship honors. He has met the biggest and greatest during his short career and has always come up with a battle which keeps the customers on the ends of their seats.

On three occasions he has been a member of the British Empire Tag Team Championship Trophy with Karl von Schober and Gene Kiniski as partners, but since he has been participating in single bouts, he has rounded into just about the toughest competitor on the mat today.

He enters the ring with a flowing long robe on the back of which is the German Cross. He walks back and forth apparently studying the crowd reaction and when he comes out for instructions by the referee he takes a leading part in the apparent explanation of the rules. Many times he gets into a violent argument with both the referee and his opponent and on occasions has started the battle before the bell has sounded.

Von Erich has a good knowledge of all the wrestling holds. He uses drop kicks and flying head scissors along with his so-called "Prussian Drop" which consists of jumping off the top rope upon an opponent. This hold is similar to the one used by Killer Kowalski when he sheared off Yukon Eric's left ear in a stirring Montreal bout.

At this writing Von Erich has come out with a new hold which is causing considerable comment. It is a "Stomach-Claw Hold" and already its application has caused injury to many of his opponents. He has worked on the hold for the past three years, building up strength in his fingers so that he can apply it with sufficient force. The application of this hold consists of grabbing a hold of the stomach between the two stomach walls, twisting and then pushing down with plenty of pressure. This causes a partial paralysis and the opponent is then helpless to offer further resistance. It is a submission hold and efforts to bar it have been made in different cities along with the Prussian Drop Hold, but Von Erich claims they are legitimate wrestling holds and it is up to opponents to offer some defense against the application of the holds.

A wild one! Von Erich puts the finishing touches to Maurice La Pointe in recent Canadian bout by slamming him to the cement floor outside the ring. An unorthodox but highly effective victory for the German

"Professional wrestling today is a rugged, tough, body contact sport. When I am in the ring, I do everything in my power to win over my opponent. I ask no quarter and I give none, but my only incessant desire is to offer an all out attack upon my opponents and to win in the shortest time possible. If a man does not expect to absorb punishment in this business, then he should retire from the ring and take up some other nice quiet pastime, as he certainly does not belong in wrestling," says the arrogant Teuton.

Von Erich has been outstanding in some of his matches with the greatest in the business. Ilio Di Paolo, the fiery Italian star, Lord Athol Layton and that brilliant newcomer Dick Beyer of Buffalo, N. Y., have offered Von Erich his stiffest competition and some of those battles have been mat classics. He would like nothing better than a match with Pat O'Connor for the World title. He has had several close matches with O'Connor before he became World Champion and he is confident that he can defeat O'Connor for the crown.

In the meantime, he will continue his vicious assaults upon ring opponents with the hope that he can climb further toward an inevitable title battle for the World Championship. *"I think I have proven my right for such a match, and when that opportunity presents itself, I have every confidence that I will be the new World Champion,"* says Von Erich.

Von Erich, like most of his contemporaries who are top attractions, could have made a big success in any vocation he had set his sights on. He has been aptly described as a preservering man, a very determined man, and a man who knows what he wants and generally gets it.

For some time now he has been attempting to get a crack at the world wrestling crown. None of the champs seem too interested in tangling with the 272 pound mass of destruction. But Fritz wants that "big shot" and what Fritzie wants he usually gets.

Yukon Eric, no sissy on his own, getting the works from Von Erich in a Buffalo bout. Erich used vicious knee slam to Yukon's abdomen in attempt to force the Canadian back on to the floor outside the ring

TOUGH TRADES HELPED RING STARS

History Reflects The Results Of Rugged Jobs Developing Superb Physiques And Knockout Punchers

Bob Fitzsimmons, a triple champion and powerful puncher who spent his youth working as blacksmith.

By **NAT FLEISCHER**

DURING a recent tour of Europe, I appeared on radio programs at the World's Fair in Belgium and in Luxembourg. I had been requested to discuss the present crop of ranked boxers in comparison to masters of the past.

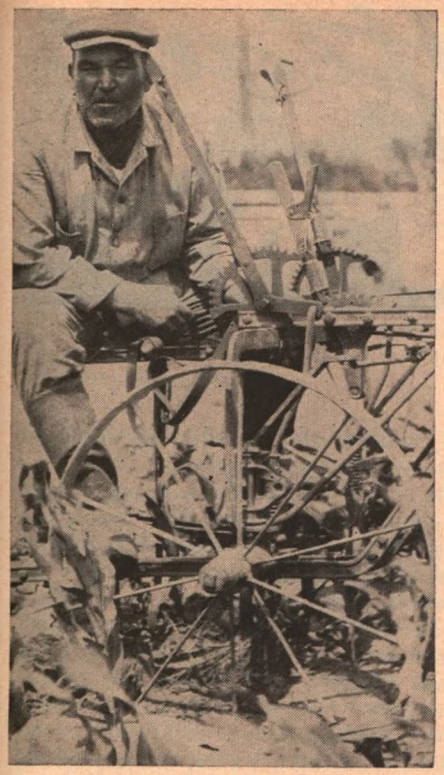
Queries pertaining to the hitting power of Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano; the cleverness of Ray Robinson; tne cause of boxing's decline; the effect that television has had on the sport; the International Boxing Club's difficulties with Uncle Sam and the investigations in various parts of our country seemed to hold a particular interest over there.

Aside from two veterans—Robinson and Archie Moore, it is difficult to list any of the younger pugilists as masters of their profession. Willie Pep continues to carry on now and then, but the Will O' the Wisp who thrilled the spectators in his prime, has lost too much of his skill to take his place with Ray and Archie. Clever Floyd Patterson, who because of idleness, also must be shunted temporarily to the sidelines in a discussion of present day masters.

Watching the sports parade during the last fifty-two years, the writer has been most impressed by the changes that have taken place in boxing. In all major sports the champions of today are as good as or, as in track and field, far superior to, those who ruled the roost years ago. Not so in boxing. That sport has failed to keep pace.

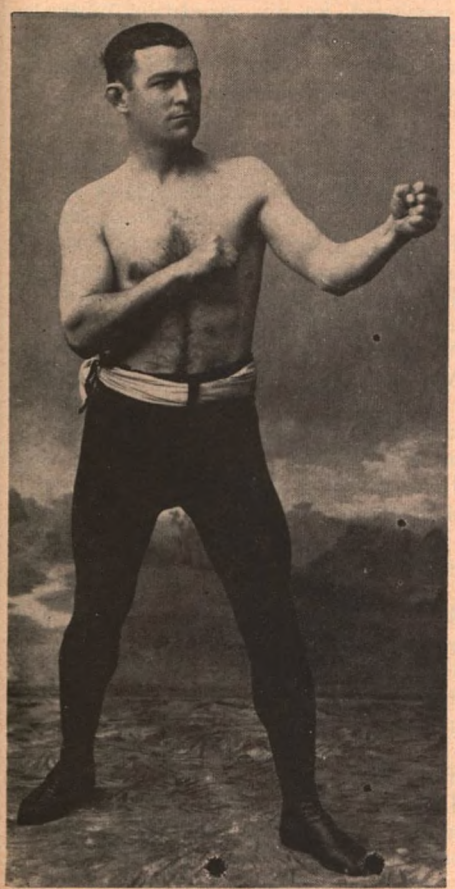
While the control of boxing has improved through its legalization and its regulation by national and international organizations, participants calibre in the sport has gone back. One doesn't require too much convincing after watching some of the bouts that are dished out as televised main events in the U. S.

What is the reason? A lack of knowledge of the finer points of the game; the training of young boxers by incompetents; the management of fighters by persons whose knowledge of the sport is almost nil, and the fact that box-



John L. Sullivan (right), out for a morning stroll, an all-round athlete, he was a great hiker and kept in condition by these long walks over rough terrain.

(Above) James J. Jeffries was a boilermaker, a trade that developed his mighty body. (Below) Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, one of the all-time middleweight greats, was a cooper by trade.



ers of this era, in most cases, are incapable of standing up under the rigors of the game.

This was particularly noticeable in Jack Solomons' all-star card in the White City Stadium and in the Madison Square Garden fight headed by Willi Besmanoff and Harold Carter.

Prior to World War Two the difficulty in ranking the boxers lay in selecting ten from an outstanding field of possibly fifteen or more prominent performers. Today, the headache comes in trying to find a sufficient number of worthies after the first four in almost every division.

The factors that make a good boxer worthy of top rating, are ability to deliver a blow, to stand up under punishment, and to avoid punishment through cleverness. The first two cannot be well developed through gymnasium workouts. Cleverness can. It requires far more than a workout to acquire the toughness and the fighting spirit of the old timers who in most cases were men who had followed a tough trade before taking up pugilism as a livlihood.

The trades that developed our greatest fighters were those that had to do with swinging a hammer, mining or hauling heavy loads. Take a glance over the list of all-time greats in "The Ring Record Book." There's Bob Fitzsimmons, who pound-for-pound was one of the world's greatest in three divisions. The Cornishman developed his tremendous power and stamina by pounding out horse shoes on an anvil. He was one of the few who could bring an opponent down with a single shot.

Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, a top middleweight, was a cooper by trade as was the famed Jack McAuliffe, who retired as the undefeated lightweight king. They developed their hitting muscles by pounding the hoops on casks which, in their day, were made by hand.

Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler, developed his fighting qualities in the mines. Powerfully built shoulders and iron fists brought him to the top, and into the million dollar class of fighting men.

James J. Jeffries, the man whom Tex Rickard called the greatest of all heavyweights and the toughest, was a boilermaker by trade. The electric hammer had not been invented and rivets were driven by hand.

Few men who reached the top worked as hard in their youth as did Dempsey, Fitz and Jeffries. That's how they developed their wonderful physique.

One cannot acquire ring fame and perfection as a fighter by the easy pink tea route or the playboy road. Wille Besmanoff got a lesson along that line when he faced Carter and took a shellacking.

The boys who had to battle their way to the top the hard way and oft-times had a hand-to-mouth existence, made the grade. That holds true, also, for those who aim for top ranking today.

Even the great John L. Sullivan, a heavy drinker and tough one to handle in training, did a lot of hard work both before he joined the ranks of the pros and after he had reached the top. He gained his muscular power as a tinssmith and on the baseball diamond.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

THE news dispatch flashing over the press wires that George (Sonny) Horne had died in a Youngstown, Ohio, hospital was a stunning shock to the local fight crowd. They knew that Horne had been in ill health but not many of them realized just how serious the trouble was. Only 35 when counted out, Sonny was a victim of amytrophic lateral sclerosis, the dreaded, paralyzing malady that brought a sudden, tragic ending to that Yankee baseball great, Lou Gehrig.

Never a champion, but a popular "club fighter," Horne was good enough to step along with most of the middleweight headliners of the '40s. His outstanding performances were three gruelling ten-rounders with Rocky Graziano, first in New York in 1946, then in Washington in 1948 and finally in Cleveland in 1949. Other prominent rivals he met included Rocky Castellani in Wilkes-Barre, Lee Sala in Pittsburgh, Kid Gavilan in Brooklyn, Laurent Dauthuille in Montreal and Bobby Dykes in Miami.

Horne was something of a throwback to the old-time journeyman. He fought anybody, anywhere, and as often as his managers could book him, which was quite often. From 1941, when he turned professional, until the early stages of his illness forced him to retire in 1951, he packed in 116 bouts. The total would have been even more impressive had Horne not deserted the ring for a year and a half (from early 1944 to mid-1945) to see service with the U. S. Navy in European waters.

PROTEGE OF POLICE CHIEF

A native of Niles, Ohio, Horne was a protege of the town's Chief of Police, Matt McGowan, a former fighter. McGowan started Sonny boxing as an amateur when he was only 14, and in three years the youngster, with a total of 77 bouts, became a standout in A.A.U. and Golden Gloves competition.

Horne was not yet 18 when McGowan decided he was ready for the professionals. Feeling that opportunity was limited in Ohio, he shipped Sonny on to veteran manager George Sheppard in New York. That was in late 1941.

To keep the youngster away from the temptations of the Big City, Sheppard arranged to have him live out on Long Island and trained by Al Lang in the latter's gym in Valley Stream.

With Horne still under 18, Sheppard kept him busy in New England until he became old enough to qualify for a license in New York State.

Sonny was an industrious young man from the start. In his first two years of campaigning he crowded in no less than 48 fights, winning 39, drawing four and losing five. By today's standards, that was practically an entire career—and Horne was not yet 20!

Despite the youngster's progress, differences developed between manager and trainer and Sheppard replaced Lang with Arcel. This arrangement held up to the time Horne enlisted in the Navy. Upon his discharge, Sonny discarded both Sheppard and Arcel and returned to Lang, who doubled as manager and trainer until after the Graziano bout in Washington. That was during the spring of 1948.

Sonny's family—wife and three children—had moved from Long Island to his home town, Niles. He decided to return there himself and renew association with his sponsor, Police Chief McGowan. In turn, McGowan arranged for Arcel to act as trainer and booker.

It probably was the beginning of the illness which eventually was to prove fatal, but with his return to Ohio Horne began to fade as a fighter. The decline was gradual and it wasn't until three years later that Sonny became worried enough to consult doctors. He couldn't understand what was happening to him. Still a comparatively young man, only 27, his speed had vanished, his reflexes dulled and he was fighting like a tired old man. In three years he posted only two victories against 18 defeats.

His last bout was with Lalu Sabotin in Warren, Ohio, on August 29, 1951—and it was his thirteenth straight loss!

Horne visited the Crile Hospital in Cleveland for a thorough checkup and it was there that his trouble was diagnosed. Sonny returned to Niles but as the disease progressed he was sent to a nearby Soldiers and Sailors Home. Almost completely paralyzed, he was eventually taken to the home of a friend, Russ Baxter, in Youngstown, and remained there nearly two years until his final journey to the hospital a few weeks before he died.

AROUND THE RING

Former Madison Square Garden matchmaker Jack Barrett is up and about again after undergoing surgery at the New York Medical Center. Even a hospital siege cannot seem to slow Barrett down. Free-lancing as representative of promoters and managers since leaving the Garden, Jack made good use of the telephone to maintain a Business-As-Usual schedule during his convalescence.

Veteran Andy Niederreiter is in charge of Ingemar Johansson's Latin-American tour, which gets under way early in December. Eddie Ahlquist will trek along as Johansson's personal adviser, while Tommy Loughran, Jimmy Bronson and Ned Brown are looking after the various promotional and ballyhoo details.

From what we understand, Irving Cohen will have to average better than $5,000 per show to clear expenses with his fight cards at the Academy of Music this season. With no TV revenue to ease the load, and depending entirely on gate receipts, that's a rugged gamble for Cohen and his sponsor, Madison Square Garden.

From England, where's he's been living for the last year, we hear that Hector Constance, clever Trinidad welterweight, is planning another American invasion, with Joe Rizzo looking after his affairs. Rizzo, currently making Los Angeles his base of operations, is sure he can keep Constance busy in California. That Hector can still handle himself was evidenced not so long ago when he whipped one of England's top welters, Albert Carroll, in London.

Both New York and Massachusetts have vetoed bouts

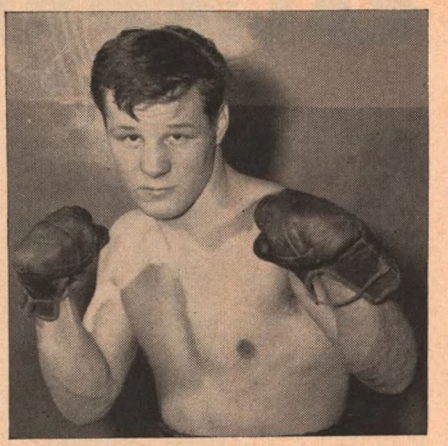
lined up for Ezzard Charles. Why the Cincinnatian persists in fighting is beyond our comprehension. It certainly isn't adding prestige to the boxing industry when an ex-world heavyweight champion picks up five-and-dime purses for getting licked by hamdonies who couldn't have carried his luggage for him a few years ago.

We don't know what the reason is for Ezzard's stubborn refusal to quit the ring. Could it be that he's in financial difficulties and desperate for any sort of cash handouts?

GLOOMY OUTLOOK AT ST. NICK'S

We wonder what happens now to Irving Kahn's deal with the St. Nicholas Arena. Kahn and his associates outbid Irving Cohen for the boxing rights to the arena this season but they couldn't get a license to begin operations until the State Athletic Commission had completed its investigation of the queer maneuverings behind the promotion of the Johansson-Patterson affair. Now that the Commission has turned thumbs down on everybody connected with that venture, Kahn cannot promote at St. Nick's. We understand that for three months, since the deal was closed, Kahn had been paying the weekly rental, reportedly $750, while awaiting the Commission's decision. Whether or not the St. Nick's management will hold Kahn to the contract, we wouldn't know, but one thing seems certain: The historic arena goes temporarily out of business as the nation's oldest active fight center. It's too late now for another deal this season.

In the Mail Bag: "Just a few lines to let you know my uncle, Ike Dorgan (brother of the late newspaper cartoonist, Tad Dorgan, and co-founder of The Ring with Nat Fleisher, Tex Rickard and Frank Coultry) appreciates receiving the magazine every month. He is now at Edgewater Rest Home in Bayside, Long Island. He is confined to a wheel chair as the result of a stroke seven years ago. It paralyzed his left arm and leg but did nothing to his wonderful sense of humor and remarkable memory of sports. He keeps the other patients on the sun porch entertained with stories of Madison Square Garden and his long association with Tex Rickard as publicist. He keeps in touch with sports activities through newspapers, radio and television. Next to boxing, his main interest in baseball. The Giants still are his favorite team. If they had to move out of New York they couldn't have picked a better site than San Francisco, Uncle Ike's old home town. If any of the old-timers he used to know are still around, an occasional note to him would be like a tonic. Many, many thanks from his niece, Eileen."



George (Sonny) Horne, popular middleweight "club fighter" of the '40s, whose recent death, at 35, was a shock to New York fight crowd.

TOMMY CONNORS PASSES

Another popular old-timer departed this restless world recently when Tommy Connors, 68, died in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Connors, a native of Scranton, rated well up in the middleweight division during the World War I era. Although a natural 160-pounder, he often went out of his class to tangle with light-heavies and heavies. Among the many good 'uns he met were Mike Gibbons, Kid Norfolk and George Chip.

Connors had long, active careers both in and out of the ring. He saw service in France with an Army hospital unit, and while overseas competed in several boxing tournaments. Retiring from the ring, he became a prohibition agent in in the Philadelphia area and later a federal narcotics agent. He held various political jobs in and around Scranton, was a candidate for the City Council, and operated a restaurant (the Oak Cafe), a popular hangout for local and visiting sports personalities. Tommy never lost his interest in leather-pushing and was a regular and enthusiastic attendee at all fight shows in the Scranton-Wilkes Barre district.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Mick Leahy, an Irish welterweight out of Dublin, by way of Coventry, England, is likely to be in our midst shortly. For the better part of the past year Leahy has been campaigning in Australia, but has fought himself out of opponents there and is about ready to head homeward. On his way back, Mick would like to stop off in the United States for a bout or two, and with conditions what they are in the industry these days, a real fighting Irishman would be a rare treat to the American public. During his stay in Australia, Leahy has twice stopped the island continent's top middleweight, Clive Stewart, and has won and lost in a two-bout non-title series with the British Empire welterweight champion, George Barnes. Leahy's manager is George Middleton, who'll be remembered as Randy Turpin's pilot.

Phil Young is still wondering what's keeping his shifty Hartford welterweight, Billy Lynch, from getting a national TV date. "Promoters are moaning about a dearth of talent, yet here's one of the best young welters in the business and he's being completely ignored," wails Phil. We've never seen Lynch in action, but from his impressive record Young would seem justified in complaining. The 24-year-old Nutmeg Stater is unbeaten in the last four years, with a winning streak of 22, and an overall score of 45 victories in 48 starts since he began professional operations in 1953.

It's amazing how George Parnassus continues to come up with "hot" Mexican attractions in Los Angeles. The moment one fades, George promptly unveils a new one to replace him. After failing in world title bouts with bantamweight Raul Raton Macias and featherweight Ricardo Moreno, Parnassus finally produced a champion in bantam Joe Becerra. Now he's concentrating on his latest hopeful, lightweight Raymundo (Battling) Torres, the current rage with L.A.'s tremendous Mexican population. Torres, only 18, must pack a thunderous wallop. In his two most recent outings he required a total of only 6 minutes, 16 seconds to demolish New York veterans Frankie Ryff and Johnny Busso. A featherweight at the beginning of the year Torres might well grow out of the 135 pound class before gaining a title shot. He has the build to fill out into a 150 pounder.

OUR INVIGORATING CLIMATE

It must be the invigorating climate in this land of opportunity. Several fistic visitors from various sectors of the far-flung British Empire, who've brought their wives along with them on their jaunts here, not only returned home with American dollars but with American additions to their families. South African middleweight Duggie Miller was one who became a father here. Trinidad welterweight Hector Constance was another. The top score so far has been registered by Dick Tiger, the Nigerian holder of the Empire middleweight title. Tiger wasn't satisfied with one new tax exemption. He got two. While Dick was in Chicago for his bout with Joey Giardello, his wife, Abigail, gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl, in a New York hospital.

If you see no local fight results here this month, don't be alarmed. It's no oversight on our part. Up to the time this issue went to press, there hadn't been a boxing card staged in New York City in five weeks! *Sic Transit gloria!*

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

OAKLAND, RICHMOND AND SAN FRANCISCO FANS were well aware of the prowess of Tombstone Smith, erstwhile leading contender for the world's welter title. So many of them shook their heads when one of their local favorites, comparatively inexperienced Jerry Hunnicutt, signed to trade blows with Smith at the Auditorium in Oakland.

Many of these observers are still gasping at the outcome. Hunnicutt, 3 to 1 underdog, outpunched Smith in the first and broke the veteran's jaw in the second to win by a TKO. Victory gained Jerry the welterweight championship of California, held for the past several months by Smith.

Hunnicutt, from Menlo Park on San Francisco's suburban fringe, weighed 147. Smith, from Los Angeles, also scaled 147. Two hundred enthusiasts from the Peninsula area made up a solid core of Hunnicutt rooters. They led the cheering of the 1564 spectators who paid a gross of $4031.

Jerry took the opening session with a series of forceful body punches, and avoided Smith's attempts to counter by going into a crouch and weave. In the final part of the first round and the early part of the second it seemed that Smith was gradually getting the range, and would make his greater experience count in the later rounds.

Hunnicutt halted all such conjecture when he sent a long overhand right to the side of Smith's jaw. Smith was definitely hurt. When he tried to hang on, Tombstone fell to the canvas. When he arose immediately Jerry flailed away with more rights to the head.

When Smith broke free, he turned his back on Hunnicutt and Referee Vern Bybee. Word was immediately given to the referee by Smith and his handlers that his jaw was broken. Bybee then halted proceedings officially.

It was Hunnicutt's first scheduled bout over eight rounds. It was his 17th knockout. He has won 22, with three losses, and a draw.

Billy Thomas, 133, San Francisco, scored a fourth round knockout over Collier Cox, 137, of Los Angeles. It was slated for six.

In another scheduled six, Steve Mendoza, 159, San Jose, had Billy Murray, 156, Stockton as an apparently open target in the sixth when Referee Elmer Costa intervened. Mendoza was awarded a KO.

Undefeated Stan Garcia, 160, Oakland, took his fourth in a row with a decision over veteran Benny Walker, 160, San Jose, in a four-rounder.

▶ Danny Kid, who hails from the Philippines, was crowned North American bantamweight champ by virtue of a split 12-round decisoin over Joe Medel, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium.

On hand, a goodly crowd, estimated at somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000—a nice neighborhood in these days. Gross gate was announced as $7,310.

Danny Kid is not a North American, but qualified for the title shot by his residence in this country. This writer has a soft spot in his heart for Filipino fighters, having been connected with many of them over the long years. I lived in Manila in 1919-20-21, saw the rise of Pancho Villa, Elino Flores, Pete Sarmiento, Johnny Hill, and many other great little fighting men.

The victory over Mendel, former North American champ, and a previous win over Toluco Lopez, qualifies Danny for a crack at Joe Becerra's world title. Alphonse Halimi cannot possibly fight before January, hence has voided the 90-day clause in his contract with Becerra, to whom he lost the crown on July 8th last.

Thus, Danny Kid has another title belt for his trophy chest, having previously acquired the Philippine, Far Eastern and California titles.

As stated, the victory was not unanimous. Referee Mushy Callahan voted 116-113; Judge Lee Grossman 115-114, both for the Filipino. Judge Joey Olmos scored it for Medel, 117-114. Hence there is a possibility of a rematch between Danny and Medel. After all, $7,300 gates don't grow on bushes in the bantamweight class.

The gents of the press disagreed, as usual. A couple of them favored Medel. But it is the official score which counts.

The weights: Danny Kid, 117½; Medel, 117.

In the October issue of The Ring, Nat Fleischer ranks Medel No. 3 in the flyweight division. But Medel can no longer make 112.

In the semi-final, Eddie Jones, 153, dec. Frank Davis, 151. The four-rounders: Eddie Uranga, 141, dec. Willie Harris, 144½, Ray Salazar, 125, dec. Paul Harris, 126; and Gordon Friend, 148, dec. Bang Bang Anderson, 145.

▶ Stockton fans got a closer peek at Jose Becerra than do most spectators at an exhibition contest. Joe Vargas, Stockton bantam, apparently wanted to make a good showing before the hometown audience.

Vargas showed great disrespect for the world's bantam champion by belting him about rather roughly in the first two rounds. But in the third, Becerra let loose with all his explosive combinations, and Vargas was reeling helplessly when the bout was halted.

Becerra, plus an action-filled regular program, drew over 2,000 to the Stockton Memorial Auditorium. The champ, working on a percentage basis, received about $700 for his performance.

Each patron got a good look at Jose's Ring Magazine world championship belt, which was passed through the audience.

In the main event, Benny Casing, 119, of Stockton, knocked out Stanley Davis, 121, from West Virginia. In the first, Davis was knocked down twice by stomach punches before Referee Johnny Reno intervened.

In an eight-rounder, Fred Roots, 148, Stockton, outpointed Perry Hicks, 155, Fresno.

Moses Cooper, 146, drew with Virgie Williams, 152, in 4.

▶ Willie Richardson, 182, of San Jose, knocked out Clyde Watson, 172, Los Angeles, in the third round of a scheduled ten at the Civic Auditorium in San Jose.

Richardson, age 19, made it 11 kayoes in 11 pro fights. He floored Watson with left hooks to the head in the first and second. A left to the solar plexus ended matters in the third.

Bantam champion Jose Becerra, appearing in an exhibition, helped draw San Jose's biggest fight crowd in years. The 1900 plus audience accounted for a gross of $4284. The champ boxed for four exhibition rounds with two local boys, Willie Sanchez and Cy Ruiz.

Long Beach made another gallant attempt to revive boxing at the Municipal Auditorium there, but there was a crowd of only about 1,000 on hand to witness the brawl between Rocky Kalingo, 147, Philippines, and Kid Rayo, 147, Nicaragua.

Hostilities came to a halt in Round 2. An accidental butt opened a deep gash under Kalingo's left eye, and Referee Jimmy Wilson called it a technical draw.

In the 8-round semi-final, Roy Smith, 185, scored a 5th round kayo over Tony Emanuel, 210. The fours: Andy Isaacs, 201, KO (1) over Charlie McCoy, 196; and Ray Salazar, 126, dec. Edmund Edwards, 125.

▶ Youthful Curley Lee—he's only 22—183—made an impressive showing at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A. by scoring a 6th round TKO over Howard King, Reno, 193½, before a crowd estimated at 1900.

It was Lee's 16th pro fight and his 15th win and his 12th by kayo. King's chief claim to fame rested in his five fights with Archie Moore, in all of which he was able to go the distance. However, he didn't fare so well in other scraps, having suffered six knockouts in prior affairs.

Lee was leading on all score-cards at the time Referee Charley Randolph stopped the fight.

In the six-round semi-final, Johnny Hayden, 184, forgot his trunks, but he didn't forget to whack his way to a unanimous win over Bill McMurray, 208. (Hayden got a "ts'k, t'sk, t'sk" from the officials.)

The fours: Lee Turner, 172, dec. Richard McDowell, 174; Hastings Hart, 190, dec. Eddie Jackson, 191½; and Andy Isaacs, 187, dec. Bull Munford, 194.

▶ Hollywood Legion Stadium grossed $4,200, about $2,000 above the current average, for the final Jackie Leonard promotion in that arena.

Reason for the increased receipts: a blacked-out main event between Joe Miceli, twice conqueror of Art Aragon and Pat Lowry, Toledo veteran. The televised ten featured Auburn Copeland vs Roland Kellam, stablemate of Miceli.

Lowry, 147½, and fresh from two one-round kayo victories, won over Miceli, also 147½, by kayo in the 8th. Miceli ran plumb out of gas.

It was a bad night for Miceli's stablemate, Kellam, too. Auburn Copeland, 127, scored a 5th round TKO over Kellam, 130½.

In the six-round semi, Kenny Payne, 162, decisively vanquished Zoime "Toro" Saenz, 161.

The fours: Ferenc Martinovich, 132, dec. Paul Carlin, 134½; Mauricio Morales, 124¾, TKO (2) over Chico Segura, 126½.

▶ Frankie Ramirez of Mexicali served notice that there is another member eligible to join Mexico's boxing elite. Ramirez floored Willie Morton twice to take the decision from the San Jose stalwart in a ten rounder at Reno. Weights: Ramirez, 141; Morton, 148.

The contest was a punching bee throughout, with both contestants suffering injured hands.

Ramirez knocked Morton down in the second and again in the sixth, as he posted his eleventh straight victory since coming to the U. S. It was the first defeat in 14 bouts for Morton, who lost a split decision to welter champion Don Jordan a year ago.

The rangy Mexican, though lighter than Morton, had a seven inch height advantage over his stocky opponent. Morton's right first was injured in the third, while Ramirez seemed to have hurt both maulies in later rounds.

In between Knockdowns, Morton carried the fight with rushing tactics that denied Ramirez punching room.

Murphy Holmes, 154, San Francisco, outpointed Willie Stevens, 160, Reno, in a six rounder.

Billy McKinney, 147, Carson City, TKO's Virgil Williams, 151, S.F., in 1. Jimmy Easton, 138, Las Vegas, stopped Sput Terody, 133, Reno in 2.

▶ Sixto Rodriguez, lightheavyweight champion of California, was in the Richmond ring with a lighter opponent, but one who had a heavy margin in experience and a knockout punch that had sidetracked many aspiring youngsters. So Rodriguez stressed defense, and kept clear of Seattle Eddie Cotton's lethal artillery for ten rounds. Sixto took the decision, but the lack of explosiveness in the encounter did not please the fans.

Rodriguez fought in a crouch most of the time, smothering Cotton's punches. Sixto landed often himself, but these punches had little effect on his veteran foe.

It was Rodriguez' 24th victory against one loss and one draw. Cotton, aged 32, lost his tenth bout in 12 years of battling. He has won 35, with one draw.

The program at Richmond's Municipal Auditorium had a gross of $1795.

In the prelims:

Julio Lau, 130, S.F., dec. Eddie Moore, 132, Oakland, in 4; Henry Nieto, 125, S. F., outpointed Rudy Bejarano, 124, San Jose, in 4; Johnny Cate, 129, Oakland, stopped Jimmy Lewis, 128, San Leandro, in 2; Vincent Castro, 120, Stockton, KO'd Jose Martinez, 119, San Jose, in 1.

▶ Jackie Leonard, a stormy petrel during his tenure as boxing promoter at Hollywood Legion Stadium, suffered a TKO when Stadium authorities cancelled his lease and ordered him to "vacate the premises."

Leonard's boxing card for Saturday night, featuring Ray Riojas vs Javellana Kid and Baby Brown vs Rudy Corona, will be staged at the Olympic Auditorium. It will be televised, thanks to an advance of $4,000, by Channel 5, which has been telecasting Legion fights.

So what's gonna happen? We'll have to wait and see. It would be a shame for the most colorful small club in the country to give up forever as a boxing center.

▶ Chalk up another win—his 26th straight—for sensational Battling Torres of Renosa, Mexico: this one over well-known Frankie Ryff of New York, Barney Ross's pride.

It was a clean kayo: the time 2:35, Round 1, and the crowd, somewhat optimistically estimated at 7800, cheered the sensational young Mexican to the echo. Gross gate was announced as $13,826.

Morton Moss of the Examiner, was rather unkind. He said: "Torres, winning his 26th in a row and posting his 19th knockout, was a 1 to 4 choice and should have been 1 to 400." He said that, not me.

Ryff was down three times in all; a five-count, a 2-count and the final 10-count.

Both boys tipped the beam at 137.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Car-

men Price, 142, KO (2) over Johnny Raybon, 138. The fours: Earl Bastings, 138½, drew with Robert Walker, 139; Freddy Young, 144, dec. Ray Lopez, 140; Al Martin, 127, KO (4) over Charley Marshall, 127.

▶Record books seldom tell the whole story of a fight, so bantamweight Ward Yee probably will save newspaper clippings and this page of "The Ring" to explain what really happened at the Auditorium in Oakland. The terse result: Fernando Sota, winner by TKO in the ninth.

Actually, the battle was very close. Sota, bantamweight champion of Portugal, had taken a lead over Yee, of Pasadena in the early sessions. But Yee was starting to connect forcibly in the middle rounds, and was narrowing down the point difference in the eighth, when he suffered a cut over the right eye.

The cut bled profusely in the ninth, and Referee Matt Zidich halted the contest after 55 seconds. Yee's manager, Frankie Muche, protested the TKO, claiming that the cut was caused by a butt.

Weights: Sota, 119; Yee, 120½. The house grossed $1576.

It was Sota's third consecutive win in the U. S. for 30-3-2. It was Yee's fourth defeat. He has 19 wins and three draws.

Four rounders: Stan Garcia, 160, dec. Benny Walker, 155; Henry Nieto, 124, Ko'd Rudy Bejarano, 123, in 4; Howard Pasley, 137, stopped Lowell Hunter, 146, in 3; Eddie Moore, 131, outpointed Andy Gonsalivos, 132; Ernie Jaramilla, 135, KO'd Bobby Davis, 135, in 1.

▶Clarence Williams, of Hayward, smashed his way to a ten round decision over Joe Sullivan of San Francisco in a heavyweight encounter at the Auditorium in Richmond.

Referee Elmer Costa was the sole official. He scored it 98-95 for Williams.

Williams, 199, carried the fight to Sullivan in most of the rounds. Sullivan, 180, had his worst trouble in the eighth, when a hard right to the jaw by Williams made Joe hang on to last out the round.

In another scheduled ten-rounder, Irish Jimmy Smith, 142, scored a TKO over Vic Cardot, 143, Oakland, in the fourth. Cardot went down for a nine-count in the first. He did fairly well in the second, but took a rain of damaging blows from Smith in the third.

Even though Cardot inflicted a "first blood" cut over Smith's left eye in the third, Jimmy had Vic in bad shape when the round ended.

The referee halted the contest in 2:31 of the fourth.

Prelims: Ernie Jaramilla, 134, Oakland, dec. Bob Hudson, 133, Sacramento, in 4; Clem Penn, 186, S. F., outpointed Len Casanova, 176, S. F., in 4.

▶One of the most competent young fistic journeymen in Northern California is Ben Medina of Fresno. Though his capabilities are well known to fans in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, he seldom fights away from his Fresno residence spot—and he rarely loses.

Ben added to his praiseworthy total of victories by scoring a sixth round technical knockout over Eddie Pace of Los Angeles. Pace was unable to continue because of a dislocated left shoulder. Weights: Medina, 140; Pace, 142.

Prelim results:

Wayne Thornton, 162, Fresno, KO'd Harvey Burke, 159, Los Angeles, in 5; James Jackson, 168, Fresno, dec. Willie Moon, 162, S. F., in 6; Willie Mann, 144, S. F., K.O.'d Moses Cooper, 149, Stockton, in 3; Ollie Pitts, 139, Oakland, dec. Richard West, 147, S. F., in 4.

▶There wasn't much of a crowd on hand at the Olympic Auditorium to witness the televised fight between Bobby Pena, 152½, and Ray Greco, 151½. About 400 fans were present.

It was a good fight, with 18-year-old Pena garnering a big advantage in the early rounds. Greco, who hails from Denver, made a strong finish.

Two of the officials scored it for Pena: Judges Charley Randolph and Dick Young tabbed it 97-94, but Referee Frankie Van voted for a draw, 96-96.

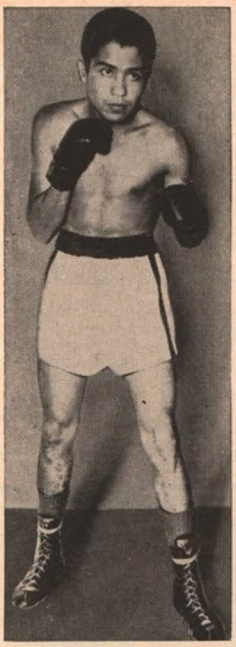
In the semi, slated for six, Chuck Whittaker, 137, scored a 5th round TKO over Salvador Bernal, 135½. The fours: Beto Maldonado, 124, dec. Julian Rivera, 125; Wally Reed, 116½, dec. Sandy Garcia, 116; and John Smith, 154, dec. Ed Hickman, 152.

▶Baseball daffiness, world series fever, kept the crowd down at the Olympic Auditorium, but about 1500 fans saw a thrilling 12-rounder, with Danny Valdez, 125½, winning the vacant state featherweight title by a split decision over Dwight Hawkins, 123.

The partisan crowd was pleased with the verdict, but more neutral spectators thought it should have been a draw.

Referee Jimmy Wilson saw it even, 113-113; Judge Russ Bradford and John Thomas voted 114-113, and 115-114, both for Valdez.

Hawkins, 10-7 underdog, had a solid lead at the end of the 10th, but Valdez came



Jose Becerra, bantamweight champion of the world, is quickly becoming an idol of California fans.

like Willie Shoemaker in the stretch.

In the six-round semi, Jesse Jones, 145½, won the unanimous decision over Questa Walker, 142.

The four-rounders: Wicho Morales, 125½, dec. Al Martin, 122½; Eddie Baker, 143, dec. Joe Hicks, 145½; and Jim Anderson, 165, dec. Bobby Harris, 163.

▶A small turnout, less than 1,000, saw lanky Boots Monroe, 122, win the unanimous verdict over Walt Ingram, Pittsburgh, 121, at the Olympic Auditorium. The entire card was televised.

Monroe started slowly, but finished strongly.

Referee George Latka was very generous to Monroe in scoring it 100-88. Judge Tommy Hart, 98-94, and Judge Joey Olmos, 98-95. There were no knockdowns.

In the semi, slated for six, Carmine Price, 137¼, KO (3) over Bert Ford, 139½. The fours: Solly Klein, 130, dec. Lyn Boyd, 130; Julian Shanke, 159, KO (2) over Arnold Melendez, 159; and Gentry Harris, 149½, KO (3) over Freddy Young, 143.

▶"Art Aragon qualified to claim the welterweight championship of Roumania when he collected a split 10-round decision over Peter Schmidt at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium."

That was the lead paragraph written by sardonic Morton Moss of the L. A. Examiner. Moss continues:

"There were about 2500 people, including paper, on the premises. Promoter Ron Waller is waiting to discover exactly how much he blew."

Well, Promoter Waller was bucking fierce competition. The L. A. Dodgers had won their third straight that afternoon, in the World Series, and everybody and his brother was baseball nuts.

Referee Tommy Hart scored it 98-93, Aragon; Judge Jimmy Wilson voted 98-94 also for the Golden Guy, but Judge Frank Holborow saw it 97-96 for Schmidt.

In the semi-final, a six-spot, Bill McMurray, 209, dec. Roy Smith, 185. The fours: Chuck Whittaker, 135½, dec. Kotis Pace, 135, Raul Alizalde, 122, dec. Ken Yamaoka, 117½; and Jimmy Anderson, 165, KO (3) over Julius Shanke, 159.

▶Fresno fans were given a full-sized peek at leading Mexican bantamweights in the persons of Jose Becerra and Nacho Escalante. In a lively exhibition, Becerra, world's 118 pound champion, boxed four two-minute rounds with Sandy Garcia of Los Angeles.

Escalante, 117, of Mexico City, punched his way to a decision over Walter Ingram, 118, Los Angeles, in the ten-round main event at Fresno's Memorial Auditorum.

Escalante forced the fight from the beginning with a busy onslaught of accurate left and right hooks. In the sixth and seventh he gave Ingram a heavy shaking up with uppercuts.

Referee Frank Manfredo, the sole official, voted 98-95 for Escalante.

Results of prelims: Irish Wayne Thornton, 159, Fresno, KO'd Crawford Neal, 159, Los Angeles, in 1; Tiger Jackson, 170, Fresno, decisioned Mal Flugman, 167, L. A., in 6; Kenny Payne, 169, L. A., outpointed Terry Hicks, 162, Fresno, in 4.

▶It was a bold gamble when Duke Sabedong, regional favorite, took on nationally known Mike DeJohn in Sacramento. A victory might have given Sabedong much added attention by leading promoters. But Sabedong's inverse margin of experience was evident from the beginning, and DeJohn scored a knockout in the fifth. They had been scheduled for ten at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium.

DeJohn, of the fighting Syracuse, N. Y., family, weighed 205. Sabedong, from Hilo, Hawaii, scaled 217.

The Duke's chin stood up well under the DeJohn bombs, but a left hook to the stomach put Sabedong down in the fifth. He was counted out in 1:35 of the round.

The house grossed $2,461, far less than anticipated by the promoters.

Hestel Franks, 142, Sacramento, knocked out Doug Garrett, 150, Oakland, in the third round af a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: George Page, 132, dec. Andy Gonzalivos, 130; Charles Pyatt, 137, outpointed Holly Pitts, 135; Leon Nelson, 135, drew with Bob Hudson, 135.

▶Eddie Chavez, former pride of San Jose and top contender for lightweight honors in years past, appeared to have regained a lot of his old form in taking a ten round decision over Teddy (Red Top) Davis. Eddie took the scorecard honors by a wide margin in the main event at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

Chavez, now of Portland, scaled 140; Davis, of San Jose, weighed 139. Eddie was extra good and won on his merits despite some snickering by skeptics.

Referee Matt Zidich and Judge Vern Bybee tallied 99-88, and Judge Elmer Costa, 98-90, all for Chavez.

Dorsey Williams, 143, San Francisco, TKO'd Vinnie Hines, 140, San Jose, in the fifth.

Benny Walker, 156, San Jose, and Billy Murray, 157, Stockton, drew in six rounds.

Moses Cooper, 148, and Virgie Williams, 153, fought a draw in four.

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DEMPSEY-MISKE A HOAX

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he is incapable of giving the fans a run for their money.

Second, a hoax may develop from merely poor matchmaking. You send out a couple of fighters of similar styles, and pretty soon you hear that dear old Merry Widow Waltz. It is a fair and honest fight, but it looks bad because the contestants are able to call the turn on each other.

A third type of hoax develops when one of the fighters, for some reason, is under wraps. This, of course, borders on fakery.

Yet another species of hoax comes in using an inferior fighter under the name of a known boxer of some class. This has been tried recently in Massachusetts.

When Dempsey knocked out Miske, he did not need the aid of an unfit opponent or a hoax match. He was rampant, on his way to greater fame and fortune, to a remarkable spot in the history of world boxing.

For Miske, that fight was a dismal interlude in a career turned truly dismal.

In his next investigation, the Ring Detective will deal with this question: Did Tom Sharkey actually beat Jim Jeffries for the title?

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By Les. Muller

▶ **Johannesburg.**—Philemon Tshabalala (147) became the new national middleweight titleholder by outpointing Joe Ngidi (144¾) at the Orlando Stadium, Johannesburg, over twelve action packed rounds. Ngidi was dropped for a count of eight in round three.

Freddie Ngidi beat Daniel Mokoena on a third round K.O. This was a flyweight fight. Johannes Mokotedi knocked out Edward Kumalo in the first round—featherweights. Benjamin Mohusi (110¾) lost to Gabriel Madheala (111½) T.K.O. 3. Ezekiel Moloi (127) beat Jurie Martin T.K.O. 5. King Kaiser (122¾) beat David Melafu (123¾) points six rounds.

▶ **Cape Town.**—Professional boxing made a welcome return in Cape Town when the main bout of the evening between bantamweights Peter Moledi and King Miller ended with a win for Moledi. The referee stopped the fight in the sixth round.

Bantamweights. Sugar Makalalo beat Reggie Nomdee T.K.O. 3. Lightweights. Henry Seabela beat Kid Abrahams on a T.K.O. in the 5th round. Lightweights. John Moon knocked out Rex Schultz in the third. Featherweights. Bevil Erispe drew with Willie Daniels. Featherweights. Tiger Rasman knocked out Gerry Johoma in the third round

▶ **Johannesburg.**—Levi Madi, top contender for the national featherweight title, scored an impressive fourth round T.K.O. win over Jerry Moloi at the Johannesburg B.M.S.C. Madi is a very promising prospect.

Freddie Ngidi (110) beat Josiah Radebe (111) T.K.O. 3.

Gabriel Seleke (147) beat Gabriel Dhlamini (147) T.K.O. 4.

John Moletsane (116½) beat Reggie Mkwanazi (119) on points over six rounds.

Clifford Mgijana (111) beat Tiny Pepo (107) on points over four rounds.

▶ **Roodepoort.**—Piet Strydom, former South African heavyweight champion, made a welcome return to the ring by knocking out promising Edwald Stanke in the fourth round. Strydom was down for two long counts in the second round, but survived to come back and finish off his younger opponent.

Featherweights. Henry Moller lost to Willie Kruger points four.

Lightweights. Hans De Beer kayoed by Martino Bianco in the second round.

Welterweights. Mac Murphy beat Sam Stewart points four.

Lightheavy. Tony Clements beat Sias Hattingh points four. Welterweights. Frans Van Heerden drew Jannie Jacobs four rounds.

▶ **Johannesburg.** — Henry Speedie, national middleweight, beat Sias Hattingh on points over six mauling rounds at the Johannesburg Drill Hall. Speedie was dropped in the first round.

Jannie Jacobs beat Jannie Bloem K.O. 1 (welters).

Sam Stewart beat Henry Moller points four (lightweights).

Laurie de Jongh beat Jan du Plessis points four (lightweights).

Les Smith beat Willie Stols T.K.O. 1 (bantams).

Steve Swan lost to T. Munnik points four (welters).

▶ **Johannesburg.**—In yet another 'talent' tournament in the Johannesburg Drill Hall Ernie Rocco beat Steve Jacobs on points over four rounds in a hard-fought light-heavyweight contest. Welters. Jan Bloem beat Kid Rafferty points four rounds. Welterweights. Fred Pretorius beat George Sequeira K.O. 1. Lightweights. Willie Stols beat Laurie de Jongh T.K.O. 4.

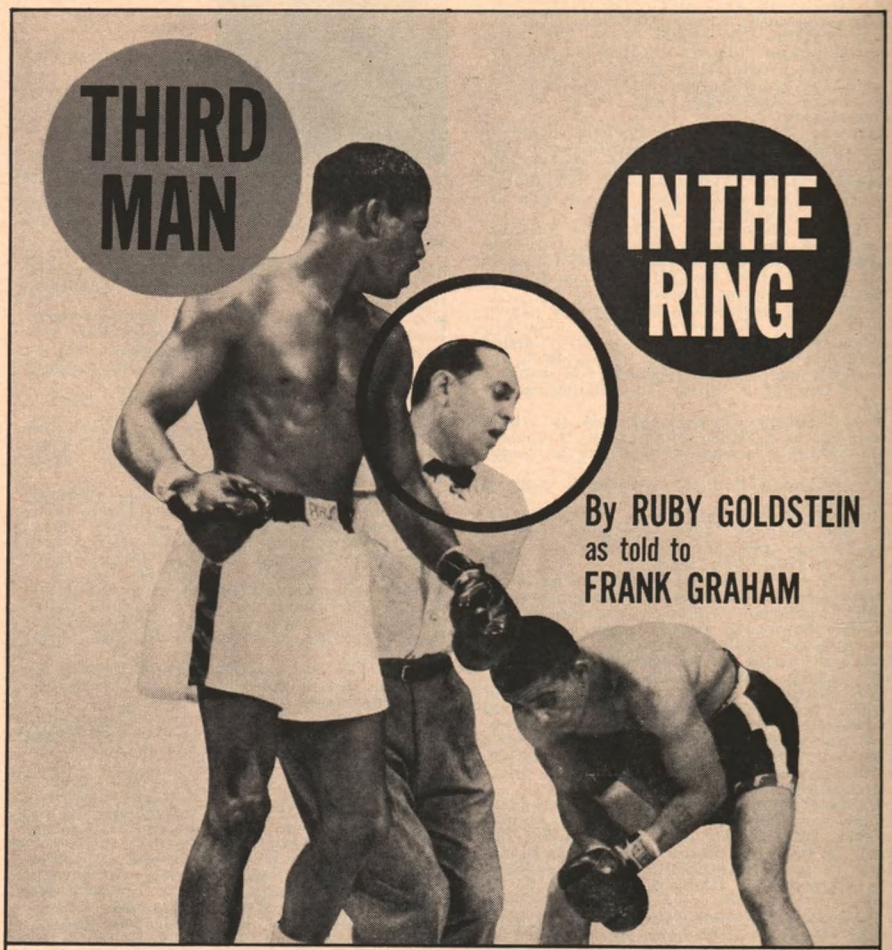
MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

TONY ANTHONY, 184, NEW YORK CITY'S BOXING SMOOTHIE, showered left jabs and hooks off Alonzo Johnson's noggin to walk in the unanimous ten round winner at the Baltimore Coliseum in the Civic Boxing club's nationally televised bout. Alonzo who weighed in at 189, and hails from Braddock, Pa. dropped the first two rounds and then came on strong in the next four rounds only to fade in the later rounds.

Don Braun, Baltimore's fighting fireman made his first appearance in two years a winning one, stopping Bobby Hood, of Chester, Pa. in the fourth round of the six round semi-final bout.

Steve Hayward, Baltimore lightweight scored his second win over Clifton Bradley, of Philadelphia, in six rounds of lively action



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RATINGS

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Pete Holguin whipped Kid Pancho, 10. Vince Bonomo defeated Rocky Randall, 10. Curtis Cokes won over Mel Ferguson, 8. Calvin Chapman scored over Cheffy Reyna, 10, but was stopped by Tony DePlessis, 5.

George Green bested Julian Valdez, 6. Hestal Franks kayoed Bob Gayton, 3. Anselmo Najara defeated Roman Nava, 8. Joe Salci defeated Johnny Gilden, 8. Bobby Brown kayoed Virgin Williams, 10. Antonio Marcilla bested Willie Dillon, 6.

Eddie Woods and Al Milone ended to a double knockout, 6. Hubert Jackson whipped Chuck Midget, 6. Ronnie Cohen stopped Ritichie Stewart, 4, and Clement Sarrazian, 4. Johnny Hunter and Harold Hutchinson drew, 6. Joe Biggs whipped Earl Clemmons, 8. Eddie Baker stopped Art Lopez, 3.

Stan Hayward kayoed Jimmy Johnson, 1. Eddie Jones won over Frankie Davis, 6. Jimmy Burns stopped Tony Beazsley, 5. Don Braun kayoed Bobby Hood, 4.

Bobby Hurtt whipped Bobby Church, 6. Joey Durelle stopped Maurice Houde, 3. Jesse Jones outscored Questa Walker, 6. Joe Alfaro halted Joe Williams, 4. Danny Salazar whipped Floyd East, 5. Bruce Gibson stopped Bobby King, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Brown was held to a surprise draw by unheralded Joey Parks, 10. (non-title).

Jimmy Carter kayoed Jimmy Smith, 3, Smith had kayoed Vic Cardot, 4. Spanish Champion Bobby Ros outpointed Guizani Rezgui, 10. Rezgui came back to whip Ray Paini, 10. Battling Torres kayoed Johnny Busso, 2. Mauro Vazquez stopped Guillermo Medina, 4.

Hilario Morales outscored Joe Lopes, 10. Fernand Nollett acquired vacant French title by outpointing Manuel Sosa, 15.

Jamie Gine whipped Juan Campos, 10. Dave Stone decisioned Roger Prigent, 8. George Bracken defeated David Oved, 10.

Bonnie Espinosa outpointed Nursey Kid, 12. L. C. Morgan stopped Mono Garcia, 7. Lennie Sparks stopped Jackie Hayden, 7. Jackie had beaten Bob Speight, 6. Larry Boardman defeated Cecil Courtney, 10. Hector Garcia kayoed Raul Anchondo, 6, but was kayoed by feather Ricardo Moreno, 4.

Alex Arenas kayoed Beto Gonzalez, 8. Johnny Shaw kayoed Jesus Estrada, 8, and beat Al Franklin, 8. Yassushi Kumagai defeated Victor Sanchez, 10, Victor then stopped Oripes Des Santos, 4. Jamie Gine outscored Orlando Zulueta, 10. Jimmy Hornsby outscored Joey Padilla, 10.

Javellana Kid kayoed Ray Riojas, 6, and bested Lem Miller, 8. Adolfo Olguin whipped Beto Beltran, 10. Jorge Quintero kayoed Horacio Otis, 9. Tony Lopez kayoed Lupe Garcia, 9.

Vicente Ramirez defeated Chamaco Castro, 10. Felix Liendo stopped Enrique Castillo, 4. Gallito Ruiz whipped Juan Hernandez, 10. Chihuahua Kid outpointed Cisco Kid, 10. David Camacho stopped Chano Barrientos, 7.

Pedro Rodriguez halted Cosme Maldonado, 7. Baby Gutierrez kayoed Al Olivera, 5. Salvador Lopez whipped Juan Prieto, 10. Fighting San Carlos outscored Fil Ravalo, 8.

Kid Roma kayoed Tony Sanchez, 4. Fred Galiana disposed of Cyprien Carrie, 7, and trounced Ahcene Attar, 10. Rogelio Andre kayoed Domingo Peralta, 2. George Ross defeated Al King, 8. Marcel Bizien whipped Tommy Pacheco, 8.

Gabriel Hernandez stopped Gregorio Medina, 7. Willie Cooper kayoed Georgia Coles, 3. Conny Rudhoff became German champion by kayoing Rudi Langer, 9. Chuck Whittaker stopped Sal Bernal, 5. Johnny Bizzarro kayoed Sam Ross, 3.

Carmie Price kayoed John Raybon, 4, and Bert Ford, 3. Frank Hardison defeated Edmund Edwards, 6. Mickey Driscoll defeated Al Simmons, 6. Norm Smith kayoed Johnny Taylor, 2.

Dan Livingston won from Leroy Howard, 6, but lost to Clarence Ford, 6. Gil Tapia won from Pat McCoy, 8. Milo Blizzard bested Ed Bojour, 6. Garland Randall stopped Chuch Midget, 3, and beat Danny Salazar, 6.

Vic Graffio kayoed Pat Brown, 1. Santiago Ramirez kayoed Jesse Castillo, 5. Jim Pettaway stopped Ray Trotter, 5. Ken Tavares defeated Joe Butler, 6. Joe Melito bested Ed Henderson, 6. Tommy Curtis kayoed Kid Beechnut, 2.

Jose Fernandez edged out Tito Gomez, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Harold Gomes whipped lightweight Jay Fullmer, 10.

Flash Elorde decisioned Hisao Kobayashi, 12.

Ricardo Moreno kayoed Hector Garcia, 4. Kid Anahuac defeated Babe Alonso, 10. Danny Valdez outpointed Dwight Hawkins, 12. Roberto Cruz won the Philippine title upsetting Leo Espinosa, 12. Army Wonder Boy stopped Gil Flores, 5. Tsunetome Miyamoto defeated Baby Carlos, 10. Ramon Cervantes stopped Hilton Smith, 8.

Felix Cervantes stopped Pat McCoy, 5. Cubanito Gonzalez kayoed Chiquilin Vazquez, 5, Chocolate Rios, 2, and beat Eddie Luna, 10.

Ernesto Figueroa kayoed Papelero Velazquez, 8. Alfredo Bunetta whipped Adrian Servin, 10. Manolo Garcia edged out Sergio Milan, 10, stopped Jose Cadalso, 8, and drew with lightweight Frank Garcia, 10.

Pedro Mirando defeated Jose Casas, 10.

Baby Brown stopped Lionel Rivera, 7. Melvin Bourne stopped Roberto Murillo, 5. Raul Reyes kayoed Ricardo Reyes, 5.

Paulino Araujo beat Luis Sanchez, 10. Pentii Rautiainen stopped Tivador Balogh, 3. Coneja Hernandez defeated Chaparro DeLeon, 10. Aldo Gamboa defeated Raul Vargas, 10. Angel Bustos kayoed Kiyoshi Miura, 8.

Sammy Medina defeated Jose Rivas, 10. Al Franklin stopped Red Holt, 9. Juan Lopez kayoed Jose Tinoco, 8.

Dave Hilton decisioned Andre Milette, 8. Roy Best whipped Jose Gondola, 8, but was stopped by Andres Allen, 4. Oscar Diaz kayoed Ricardo Mirranda, 1. Jabio Carranza whipped Victor Adams, 8.

Nacho Dominguez scored over Tony Alamillo, 10. Young Terror defeated Larry Brown, 10. Chano Barrientos kayoed Ray Duran, 1, but lost to David Camacho, 7. Leroy Jones stopped Leo Steele, 4.

Steve Hayward decisioned Clifton Bradley, 6, but lost to Mel Middleton, 6. Jerry Perry defeated Gerry Simpson, 6. Luis Birto defeated Javier Vazquez, 10. Anselmo Castillo defeated Carmelo Acevedo, 6.

Stanley Wilson whipped Jose Perez, 6. Moy Torres kayoed Chocolate Zambrano, 1. Jose Lopez won over Jesus Garcia, 8, Jesus also lost to Chamaco Rodriguez, in 8. Tony Napoles kayoed Luis Garcia, 4. Carmelo Acevedo defeated Jackie Horne, 6.

Cubanito Linaldi kayoed Leonel Perez, 2, and beat Ricardo Vargas, 10. Baby Moe Mario whipped Juan Estopia, 6. Dennis Nelson halted Jim Harris, 4. Pablo Caripiedes whipped Bobby Williams, 6. Tom Lowry defeated Casey Smith, 6. Art Mullen and Jackie Lennon drew, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

European Champion Piero Rollo won on disqualification from Federico Scarponi, 6, and edged out Sugar Ray, 10.

Danny Kid outscored Joe Medel, 12.

Jose Lopez kayoed Marcelo Gonzalez, 4, and Eduardo Santos, 2. Eder Jofre stopped Angel Bustos, 4. Leo Espinosa lost to featherweight Roberto Cruz, 12.

Boots Monroe defeated Walt Ingram, 10. Carlos Hernandez stopped Chuy Rodriguez, 6. Raul Leanos kayoed Tuntun Torres, 6.

Lauro Garcia won over Chucho Tello, 10. Javier Grafias and Goyo Flores drew, 10. Baby Brown stopped Rudy Corona, 10. Memo Gonzalez bested Chuy Rodriguez, 10. Pollero Garcia kayoed Juanito Mendoza, 1. Hector Hicks defeated Dinamo Colombo, 10.

Mario Fernandez whipped Nicolas Flores, 10. Giacomo Spano drew with flyweight Carlos Miranda, 8. Cain Rogero kayoed Panchito Villa, 6, and beat Perro Hernandez, 10. Ray Martinez and Sardito Guerra drew, 10. Fernando Soto stopped Ward Yee, 9, but lost to Benny Casing, 10. Bernandro Perez won from Carlos Solis, 10.

Chamaco Perez halted Manuel Saavedra, 2. Kid Cucaracho kayoed Chilango Sansores, 9, and beat Pichi Martinez, 10. Pichi stopped Joe Flores, 6. Angel Coronado defeated Tibico Torres, 10. Jose Galvan stopped Freddie Rodriguez, 4, and Freddie Guzman, 2.

Juan Ibares kayoed Cuervo Salinas, 3. Aztequita Sonorense won from Frankie Duarte, 10. Jose Lomeli stopped Julio Martinez, 3.

Pedro Rodriguez and Marcel Montoya drew, 8. Sal Hernandez stopped Chango Samaniego, 2. Jorge Alatorre decisioned Julio Moreno, 8.

Manny Elias defeated Oney Mingus, 10. Greogorio Sanchez whipped Jose Luis Valdez, 6, but was stopped by Juan Sanchez, 3. Ronnie Jones stopped Ramon Sarmiento, 5.

Kid Tacio Jr. stopped Speedy Paredes, 7. Nestor Reyes halted Joe Espinosa, 7. Flash Virgilio decisioned Paul Sebastian, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Joe Medel stopped Pimi Barajas, 7, but lost to bantam Danny Kid, 12. Johnny Caldwell outfought Salvatore Manca, 10.

Larry Pineda upset Ramon Arias, 10. Carlos Rodriguez kayoed Antonio Gomez, 8. Italian Champion Salvatore Burruni outpointed Santos Seoane, 10.

Salvador Melendez scored over Patricio Noriega, 12. Young Aquino won over Leo Zulueta, 9. Carmen Miranda drew with bantamweight Giacomo Spano, 8.

Kyo Noguchi defeated Atsuhito Fukumoto, 10. Goyo Flores drew with bantamweight Javier Grafias, 10. Negro Gonzalez decisioned Santaigo Rodriguez, 12.

Arturo Vazquez defeated Panchito Saldivar, 10. Felix Padilla whipped Esteban Figueroa, 8. Romy Sison whipped Baby Galuran, 10. Mauro Miranda beat Luis Lujano, 6.

Young Bonnie kayoed Little Berting, 6. Rush Junior bested Baby Ross, 6. Star Catalan defeated P. DeMarco, 6.

THE NAME'S THE THING

(*Continued from page 52*)

When the publicity man of the Dempsey A. A. of Boston sent in his releases to the UP, Jack Frost called the club to find out who Chemel was. The notice to the press had stated that Henry was once New England middleweight champion. Frost was assured that Henry Chmielewski and Henry Chemel were one and the same. It would have been less confusing to sports writers, if Henry had changed his name a long time before.

Bert Pilkington changed his name to Tod Morgan. Earl Lovejoy to Bud Gorman and Arnold Cream to Joe Walcott.

Think of the poor announcer who would have been asked to introduce Noah Brusso vs. Joseph Zukauskas; Barney Lebrowitz vs. Louis Phal; Anton Christoforidis vs. Guiseppe Berardinelli; Joseph Youngs vs. Stanislaus Kiecal; George Chipolunis vs. Al Rudolph; Morris Jebaltowski vs. Vincent Lazzaro; Anthony Zeleski vs. Rocco Barbella; Gershon Mendeloff vs. William Breslin. Pretty tough on the poor fellow. Borrow a RING RECORD Book for the real names.

One good boxing match between fighters of foreign countries sometimes does more good for international relations than a series of conferences. Soon many battlers with strange sounding names may grace our shores and a simple change of name would probably make them more acceptable to us. Pity the poor announcer who must pronounce such names as: Somdez Yonkrakit, Thailand; Kouami Yao, Ivory Coast; Dieter Wemhoner, Germany; Mario Vecchiato, Italy; Heintje Van Der Zee, Holland; Kazuo Takayama, Japan; Jean Santanbien, France; Redvers Sangoe, Wales; Benny Nieuwenhuizen, South Africa; Derek Liversidge, England; Omsap Laemfagha, Thailand; Johnny Iefata, Samoa; Johnny Halafihi, Tonga; Michel Diouf, Senegal; Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium; Attuquaye Clottey, Ghana; Pancho Bhattachaji, India; Olle Bengtsson, Sweden, and Abd-El-Kader Azzouz, Algeria. We sympathize with the fellow who has to chew on these names when making ring introductions.

But at least if you don't get the names, you will at least understand the words made famous by Harry Ballough —the usual spiel before the bell: "May the better man emerge victorious!"

He usually does.

THE MAT WORLD

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bout against Fritz von Erich the following week.

On the same card, Sandor Kovacs and Bobo Brazil had an all out melee against Big Ed and Dan Miller in a free for all tag team bout which had the spectators on the edge of their seats throughout. The turbulent match went 30 minutes to a draw. Other bouts saw Billy (Red) Lyons, Hamilton, Canada, newcomer win over riotous Chief Chewacki in 5:58. Lyons used three rolling scissors holds to calm down the Fighting Gypsy. Sammy Rios, another newcomer from Puerto Rico defeated Tarzan Frank Fozo with drop kicks in 8:45.

In Rochester, N. Y., The Gallagher Bros. Doc and Mike were disqualified twice in a riotous tag team brawl against Bobo Brazil and Roy McClarity. The rampaging Irishman lost both falls of a two out of three tag match, when they refused to obey the orders of Referee Frank Powderly. The Gallaghers retaliated with, *"How are we the losers of a match, when we are the only wrestlers who are standing?"* Rules for the Gallaghers, apparently, are made to be broken.

Other bouts on this card saw The Mighty Atlas defeat Waldo von Erich, younger brother of Fritz. Ramon Lopez, 240 pound Mexican was flattened by Tony Marino, Rochester star in 15:42 with authoritative drop kicks and a press. Fred Atkins, who has just returned from a world tour put the quietus on Chief Chewacki, "The Unfriendly Gypsy" with a treatment of rugged knee stomps and a press in 12:25.

CANADIAN NEWS

Don Leo Jonathan who has been running rough shod over all opposition since coming back to the Canadian circuits caught a tartar in Whipper Billy Watson, former World Champion in a feature match at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, which the fans will remember for a long time.

Jonathan in a television interview with Sports Commentator Fred Szgambati said he would make Watson retire from the game when they meet. Apparently, Watson did not take kindly to that statement. He asked Frank Tunney to draw up the papers for the match, and it must be said that Watson came up with one of the best bouts of his life.

The 300 pound Mormon certainly got rough treatment from Watson, who used authoritative elbow smashes, double knee lifts, assorted nerve holds and judo chops to keep Jonathan at bay. Jonathan threw Watson from the ring, and Watson returned with fire in his eyes. The former champ threw Jonathan over the top ropes, then jumped from the ring, picked up the Mormon and slammed him on the concrete floor with a resounding crash. This was retaliation in full on Watson's part. When Jonathan tried to rise Watson conked him with Announcer Jerry Hiff's desk over the head. Returning to the inside of the ring, Watson caught hold of the big fellow's head and drove him into the corner steel post raising a wicked welt on the side of his head.

It was without a doubt one of the best bouts of Whipper Watson's life. He paid in full to Jonathan for the latter's rash statement over television. But Watson had outfoxed Jonathan by getting into his best possible physical condition for the bout. Jonathan was on the way to defeat after 45:36 of as wild and wooly action as the fans have ever seen in Maple Leaf Gardens. The curfew halted the bout at 11 o'clock so it ended in a stalemate. But Mr. Jonathan knew he had been in one of the most turbulent bouts of his career. The result was that Whipper Watson gained a host of new admirers for holding the Salt Lake City lad at bay.

Popular Sam Steamboat, a protege of Lou Thesz's, drew with Bud Cody, newcomer from Australia and Mighty Ursus defeated Ian Campbell, Scotch meanie, with a reverse chin-lock in 10:29. These bouts were televised over CBLT-TV Channel 6.

Popular Farmer-Boy Frank Townsend, who still insists upon living a double life as a singer and wrestler has made a new record under the Seeco Label entitled, "A Mighty Lonely Man" . . . but it's just the song title, folks. How can he be lonely when he is married to a beautiful Toronto girl?

Wee Willie Davis, popular in Canada, was seen not so long ago in a Cisco Kid television program. He had indignity thrust upon him when he fell victim to the Cisco Kid's wily fighting methods. Wee Willie will be remembered as a $16,000 winner on the $64,000 Question television program in a category, of all things—"Flowers" . . . "Ah! Me, these wrestlers . . . what a versatile bunch they are.

TEXAS RASSLIN'

By Texas Bob Utter

The big noise in Texas Rasslin' during the past month was George Bollas, who notched wins from the Rio Grande Valley to the Texas Panhandle against the toughest opposition any man could face.

Bollas headlined two straight shows for Promoter Ed McLemore at the Sportatorium in Dallas defeating Jack O'Brien, and then returned seven days later to hand Nick Kozak a sound trouncing before a standing room crowd.

Promoter Norm Clark featured Bollas, otherwise known as the Zebra Kid, against Danny McShane at the City Auditorium in Galveston and again it was Bollas notching a win before a packed house. Bollas won the first fall in 6:32 with McShane making things even at 1-all with an atomic drop in 2:45. The third and deciding session went to the Zebra Kid while both men were battling on the outside of the ring. McShane did not beat the referee's 20 count therefore losing the match.

HOUSTON, TEX.

Big "H" promoter Morris P. Sigel staged a real sizzler at the City Auditorium with Bollas going against McShane in what turned out to be a donnybrook from start to finish. Zebra won the first stanza with the second going to McShane. Danny used a piece of scrap iron handed him by a spectator to win the fall making it impossible for the Kid to return for the third frame.

Heading the card was Nick Kozak going against Pepper Gomez with the match ending in a stalemate. The Los Angeles Pepper Pot won the first fall in 10:23 with an airplane spin. Kozak won the second frame with a reverse flip. The time then ran out.

Prince Maiuva and Silento Rodriquez notched a win over Tito Kopa and Ivan the Terrible in a feature tag match. Two Ton Tony Angelo beat Luis Hernandez with Alex Perez going over Cowboy Clements in preliminary bouts.

World's Tag Champions Duke Keomuka and Mr. Moto notched two straight wins by downing Gomez and Perez and then went over Gomez and Nick Kozak.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Luis Hernandez won over Jack O'Brien to top Promotor Dorothy Livengood's mat presentation at the Wrestlethon while on the same card Stu Gibson, the former Louisville, Ky., Golden Gloves boxing champion, who is one of the nation's best back-alley brawlers, lost to Ivan the Terrible via the disqualification route.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Lou Thesz, 228, Saint Louis, Mo., defeated Art (The Assassin) Nelson, 244, in the headline attraction at the Civic Auditorium. Thesz won the first and third fall of a scheduled three.

Chief Roundtable won over Big Jim Wright while Taro Myaki notched a thriller over Juan Garcia. Joe Hamilton and Anton (Ripper) Leone went to a stalemate in the opener.

OTHER TEXAS BOUTS:

Lorraine Johnson defeated Kay Noble; Jerry Kozak trounced Danny McShane; Alex Perez over Angel Martinelli; Lorraine Johnson over Jessica Rogers; Jack O'Brien defeated Pedro Godoy; Angelo Martinelli scored over Charley Garza; Angelo Martinelli and Jerry Kozak drew; Corsica Joe and Jean over Silento Rodriquez and Alex Perez; Laura Martinez over Kay Noble.

George Bolas is not only rough and tough but he is also an accomplished grappler having held both the Big Ten and the National AAU mat titles during his collegiate days at Ohio State.

MICHIGAN FACTS
By Jack Waina

JOHN DOYLE is a wrestling promoter who believes in offering only the best mat talent available, and his theory is paying off big dividends for all concerned. The spectators are being treated to an outstanding flare of showmanship, the promoters and wrestlers in turn are well rewarded financially. All the festivities promoted by Doyle and his partner Jim Barnett have been received enthusiastically in the Olympia Stadium.

In one of their most spectacular promotions to date, Doyle and Barnett rematched Dick The Bruiser and Verne Gagne in a Texas Death Match, backed by a supporting card composed of equally brilliant wrestlers. 15,989 spectators jammed the Olympia paying $39,237.75 gross to watch the Bruiser retain his United States Heavyweight wrestling championship when Gagne was unable to continue due to a cut over his left eye.

An excellent tag team wrestling match featuring personable Verne Gagne and popular Wilber Snyder paired against the roughhouse tactics of Dick the Bruiser and Killer Lisowski attracted 9,072 fans who paid a gross of $19,381 at the Olympia Stadium. Gagne and Snyder were returned victors, but afterwards Bruiser and Lisowski staged a non scheduled bout of their own to set the stage for the next attraction to be staged at Olympia.

In the top supporting match Don Eagle was cast victor over Hans Schmidt at 12:05; Ilio DePalo came out on top of Baron Gattoni at 11:32; Johnny Weaver outhustled Gino Angelo at 14:10; and Bill Dromo won over Dennis Pella at 16:59.

In nine wrestling shows during the last six months at the Olympia Stadium, 104,000 fans have paid a total gross gate of $257,000.

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WRESTLING IN THE SOUTHWEST
By Peg Colwell

Albuquerque wrestling fans are a very critical group. They have requested space in this column to sound off. The onset started 6 weeks ago, when World Champion, Pat O'Connor refused to put his title at stake when he met Danny 'Bulldog' Pleches. In the non-title match, Plechas had the two deciding falls, but with Pat's numerous childish tantrums, claiming his foot was outside the ropes, he was given the decision over Plechas. At that time irate fans raised their voices in protest.

O'Connor reluctantly agreed to a rematch and more reluctantly agreed to put his title on the line. Pleches held O'Connor to a draw, nary a fall achieved. Referee Max Baer, former boxing titlist, lived up to his title of the 'Clown Prince.' Plechas was in command of most of the match. At the end of the hour time limit, one 'battle-weary' champion left the ring, but not before receiving the decision to retain his title. Now once more the fans have raised protest, this time much louder. One fan summed it up for me . . . *"What chance does a contender for the title have, when he has two opponents instead of the legal one?"*

To round out the title card, Juan Garcia defeated Art 'Assassin' Nelson two straight falls. Nelson was engaged in a barrage of fists and a series of stomps before the bell. As soon as the bell sounded, Juan Garcia needed only 59 seconds to secure the first fall with his abdominal stretch. 17 minutes later Nelson succumbed to the same hold.

Two one fall opening bouts pitted veterans vs youth. Veteran Ben Sherman needed only 7 minutes to defeat Red Donovan; veteran Tony Morelli defeated Doug 'Iron Jaw' Donovan in 24 minutes.

Antone (Ripper) Leone defeated Dory Funk for the North American Championship title.

Another title, the Rocky Mountain tag team, has changed hands again. Chief Round Table and Juan Garcia defeated the 'Awesome Twosome' Art 'Assassin' Nelson and Doug 'Iron Jaw' Donovan in a gruelling match.

Adnan Kaisy (pronounced KA-CEE) from Baghdad, Iraq, made his pro wrestling debut in Albuquerque. This popular and sensational newcomer to grappling has a style, speed and agility that looks very promising. He stands at 6'1" and weighs 230. Born in Athens, Greece, but raised in Turkey, this 23 year old was the 1959 Greco-Roman A.A.U. Champion.

Joe Scarpello is returning to mat wars after a short retirement. At 195 pounds, he's ready to resume his former pastime of embarassing the 'heavies' by defeating them.

Watching Bob Orton, on the mat today, it's hard to believe he was an invalid not too long ago. He had received a severe back injury during a match, and was told he'd never be able to return to the mat. Through his determination and spunk, he's back taking on all comers and looks in terrific shape.

It's a boy for the Cowboy Carlson's. Congratulations! The cowboy is currently campaigning the southwest area.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING NEWS
By Gene Gordan

Larry (The Crusher) Hamilton and his new tag team mate, The Great Bolo, continue to be a hard combination to beat. Since the two joined forces a short time ago they have run up a string of wins all over the Carolinas and Virginia areas. Their latest victory was over George Becker and Cyclone Anaya at Charlotte's Park Center. The popular Becker pinned Hamilton for the first fall, but the rough Missouri grappler used his dreaded kneedrops on Anaya in the second fall to put Anaya out of commission with a shoulder injury. Becker gallantly tried to carry on alone in the third fall but was overpowered by the two roughies.

One of the best midget bouts ever held in Charlotte saw Farmer MacGregor and Pancho Lopez defeat Sky Low-Low and Fuzzy Cupid. The little fellows provided more action and thrills than an old fashioned fourth of July celebration.

Chick Garabaldi battled to a draw with veteran Pat Fraley while a very impressive newcomer to the Carolinas, Martino Lorenzo, took a win over Danny Ferrazzi.

Another Charlotte event was held at The Coliseum recently which was witnessed by a large crowd. Larry Hamilton, The Great Bolo, and Florida's Pat O'Hara took on Mr. Moto, Duke Keomuka, and their buddy, Sugi, a judo expert who travels with Moto as his valet and manager. A little of everything was seen in this wild brawl. The biggest thrill came when Hamilton slapped the small but powerful Sugi in the face. The cat-like little Jap whose judo tactics had bothered the enraged Larry went crazy with rage but Bolo came in with head butts and the three ganged up on Duke and Mr. Moto to win the match.

On the same card, George Becker whipped a tough newcomer, Steve Bolus. A girl's bout saw Catherine Wimberly and Ethel Johnson take the measure of Babs Wingo and Ethel Scott.

Cyclone Anaya joined forces with fast rising Johnny Foti of Canada to defeat roughies Jack Donovan and Johnny Heidmann. Dick Steinborn took an impressive win over Martino Lorenzo but found the Italian newcomer to this area a troublesome foe.

Gorgeous George has again returned to the South and has been appearing recently in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Farmer Powell, Ed Sharpe, Gypsy Joe, and the sensational Jim LaRock have also been campaigning with success in the Georgia area.

Young Bob Boyer is rapidly climbing in wrestling circles. Bob is very fast, strong, and clever. He is making headway now in the Carolinas and Virginia.

Pancho Villa, a big burly Mexican is a big attraction around Knoxville, Tenn. The fan favorites in that area are Tex Riley and Len Rossi. The top villians are Tor Yamato and Kinji Shibuya.

Jack Sharkey, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, has been refereeing some wrestling matches in the South and was recently third man in Birmingham on an all star card promoted by Nick Gulas and Lester Welch.

Appearing on the star studded mat lineup were Tor Yamato, Leaping Larry Chene, Don and Luke Fields, Joe and Jean Corsica, Irish Mike Clancy, Jackie Fargo and Len Rossi. Carlos Rodriguez, a popular Mexican grappler has returned to the Southern area recently showing in Birmingham.

Returned to the Carolinas at this writing is Prince Omar, after a long absence.

THE PACIFIC COAST
By Ed Briggs

RONNIE (WONDER BOY) ETCHISON, the classy young "personality kid" of the wrestling world, continues to rack up victory after victory throughout the west coast. The spectacular former champion of Pacific coast and Missouri State wrestlers, has established residence in sunny California much to the delight of his countless western fans.

The action-plus tag team of Big Stan (Boo) Kowalski and colorful Tiny Mills are wiping up all opposition throughout California. Mills and Stan joined forces in early 1959 at Honolulu and were successful in winning the Hawaiian Tag Title and then continued their winning ways by winning the International Tag Team Title in a tournament held at Tokyo, Japan. Since leaving the West Coast of the United States in March, Mills and Kowalski have invaded 17 countries.

Sensational young Los Angeles star Nickie Bockwinkle is doing very well since his discharge from the U. S. Army at Fort Ord, California. Nickie has racked up numerous impressive wins since turning pro four years ago and is fast becoming a lad to be reckoned with. No stranger to main event bouts, Bockwinkle is the 24 year old son of the famed St. Louis veteran Warren Bockwinkle. The latter is now retired and resides in Los Angeles. Nickie's pet hold is the dreaded abdominal stretch which the lad uses as if he invented it. I tab him as the "Most Progressive Wrestler of the Year."

Enrique Torres, veteran Sonora, Mexico idol, and one of the top wrestlers in action, made a triumphant return to West Coast action after a long absence. Torres, the captain of the Torres brothers three man wrestling combo of Enrique, Ramon, and Al Torres, is an airplane spin expert and knows his stuff. The Torres lads have a hard working fan club headed by Mrs. Lola (Mom) Bishop, 649 Farris Ave., Fresno 4, Calif. By the way, Ramon is still Pacific Coast Heavy champion . . . Art Michalik, one of the best ex-grid stars to turn wrestler, is now in southern California. Michalik owns a bar, "The Place," located in the Los Angeles suburb of La Puente . . . Gene DuBuque pens from Honolulu to say that he's doing well in that part of the world. Globe trotting DuBuque, a colorful performer who is known as "the Strut King", is a very colorful performer and has met the best . . . Gorgeous George ended a four week campaign in northern California region and is now headed east. George recently opened the first of a chain of beauty salons in Chicago . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sharpe on the recent birth of a daughter . . . Big Boy Clyde Steeves, the great Brockton, Mass., heavyweight, is back in California after a successful campaign in Japan and Hawaii. Clyde's one of the truly great stars . . . Keep an eagle eye on 24-year-old Joey Swiderski, the exceptionally fast and clever 225 pounder working out of Utica, New York. Joey is a nephew of San Francisco promoters Joe and Frank Malcewicz and is well versed in the art of wrestling. Swiderski was recently discharged from the Army and is now in top form.

ALONG THE WRESTLING TRAIL
By Bette Krieger

Though it is Autumn, promoters are now preparing for the winter season, and with the winter approaching, top talent will be on the move from Maine to California.

The Greeks have a word for it, and that word, the "TERRIBLE TOLOS" Brothers Chris and John, you fans know them as the "Murder Inc. Boys" in the squared circle, Chris and John, are classed as dirty wrestlers, actually, they are what we call rough wrestlers. John and Chris never deny their being rough in the ring, matter of fact they have said and quote the Tolos Boys, *"Yes, we are rough in the ring, after all, wrestling is a tough sport, and it is a sport that only men should be in, if a wrestler is a 'panty waist,' he has no right in that ring, he should be able to take it, we give no quarter, and we ask none . . . we are the best tag team combine in the world today."*

Some few years ago, a great tag team from the West Coast, Ben and Mike Sharpe had made their initial appearance here in the East, at one time, and even at the present time, there are those who say the Sharpes are the world's tag team champions. Mike and Ben actually come from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and like most Canadians these boys come tall, built like Greek Gods. They have a style that hold those who watch them, spellbound. They have precise timing, and great ability not only in wrestling, but in tagging each other. They are among the boys you "Love to Hate" but have to admire. The Sharpes are like the Tolos, their style is one and of the same. It would be wonderful to see these two brother teams in a Madison Square Garden Spot Show.

Wrestler, comedian and politician, none other than the "Kansas Sun Flower," that lovable character, Red Berry who hails from Southern California, and on Channel 11 on Sunday nites, we see some top televised wrestling matches, with the best talent and that great "Bombs Away" wrestling commentator who calls the matches. Have seen Rita Romero, Enrique Torres, and Alberto Torres on a card, have seen old Red Berry steal a show. Makes one wonder why some promoter doesn't bring Red Berry here to the East Coast?

Gene Stanlee writes to say that the West Coast wrestling boom is also on with great force. And from Texas, wrestling sports writer for the "RASSLER", Boyd Pierce, comes word, that since "Pepper" Gomez is back in Texas, he is filling the arena to turn away crowds, says Boyd, *"They sure love that little Pepper Gomez."*

How many of you fans remember some years back on the East Coast, a chap wrestling for Toots Mondt, called "Mr. Wrestling", a new comer, hailing from Canada? The handsome youth, who moved up with great strides was the very quiet Canadian Stu Hart. Fans loved the blonde, quiet lad and took him to their hearts. Today he is a top promoter in Canada.

Missed on the wrestling scene are those loveable and so hated Gallagher Brothers. We hope to see them soon, wrestling at Sunnyside Arena, giving Lonny Star a hard time.

Canada does it again, and we wonder what we did to Canada? A new typhoon struck the New York Territory when those two French roughnecks came in to pay us a visit. None other than the Bahaha Brothers, mat meanies all the way . . . But they sure can wrestle.

It was back to the mid-West and the Al Haft Territory for the team of Don Lewin and Johnny Barend.

New team to debut soon, clear the decks, and buckle down the hatches, for here they come, none other than the Blonde Jet, "TV Champion" Johnny Valentine and Killer Waldeck Kowalski. My choice for the team to meet them would be the "Graham Brothers".

There seems to be a delay in the return to ring action on the part of the Great Scott. His new car wash is the reason. He has no one to take over the responsibility. Meanwhile his tag team partner and the other half of the title, Buddy Nature Boy Rogers is waiting for Scotty to get started again.

Steve Stanlee wrestling in Japan. His last letter told me he was on the way to Hawaii from Australia where our boy made a great hit.

Mark Tendler, the Prince Charming of the Mat, I hear, is doing good, what with his executive position and the car wax that he represents.

"Mr. Body Beautiful" none other than Aldo Venturi, on the road and doing great . . . the fans sure like the personable Aldo, who you will remember, as having a role in the Broadway play "Lil Abner". Aldo was well liked as the actor "but," says Aldo, "*Acting is okay but wrestling is my first love and I am not an actor*".

Baron Michele Leone is reported to have retired and is now living on the West Coast after his trip to Italy. He is married to a very beautiful girl . . . memories . . . several years back. It was Michele Leone riding the crest of the success wave on the West Coast. The Junior Heavyweight championship was held by the Baron. We remember Leone on advice to the Lovelorn. We also remember the night he met Gene Stanlee and lost in a bloody battle.

A speedy recovery to former Heavyweight champion fight king, the one and only Preem, our own Primo Carnero, who has just undergone major surgery . . . We hear that grand old man of the fight game, Jersey Joe Walcott is now refereeing in some wrestling territories.

That great wrestler, Arnold Skoland, always seems to pick the most rugged opponents for a match. Arnold is a credit to the sport. A very clean and top notch scientific wrestler, Arnold has no fan club to encourage him. Come on fans, how about a fan club for Skoland?

Gene Stanlee wrote to tell me that on his way back to the West Coast, he stopped off to visit his sisters and brothers in Chicago. Then to Wisconsin for a visit with his Dad and Mother. West Coast next.

West Coast friends write and tell me that they would like Ricky Starr to return. He is a favorite out there.

What do you know? The mighty Jumbo is a great friend to children. From the grapevine comes news that he is visiting hospitals and orphanages, spending his own money making some of the little unfortunates just a little bit happier.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, WRESTLING REPORT
By John C. Coufalik

What happened to those Weekly Wrestling shows that fans saw some years ago telecast from the West coast? If you are a fan that asks this question it would be a good idea to write a letter to the Television managers and ask for more Wrestling action and less of those old so-called late movies.

The fans in the Cleveland area saw some real action at the local arena when the tag team champions, the Gallagher Brothers, managed to retain their beautiful trophy since the Von Eric Brothers, as well as themselves, were disqualified for continued roughness. Our wrestling commentator is none other than Lord Athol Layton and many of you fans might know that he is not a soft touch inside the ring.

As a grappler, Lord A. Layton won his match against Baron Gattoni, and now is waiting for Doc Gallagher to see what he can do to him.

In other matches, the fans saw the team of Bobo Brazil and Ilio PiPaolo defeat Ed and Dan Miller; Roy McClarity defeated Raoul Lopez, and Sandor Kovacs continued his winning streak as he defeated Chief Chewacki. The two veterans, Lee Henning and Fred Atkins went to a draw.

In television matches, from the Cleveland area the fans saw Billy (Red) Lyons take two straight falls in an undisputed win over Raoul Lopez, and Bobo Brazil also won two fast falls to defeat Al Albertino. Albertino entered the ring bent on working Bobo into a rage and that turned out to be his downfall. After winning the first fall, Bobo clinched the match with his famous "Coco Butt". Ilio DiPalo won a one fall verdict over his very formidable opponent, Baron Gattoni, and in the main event, fans saw the Mad Man from Germany, Fritz Von Eric win a crippling match over young Tony Marino. The match had not even started when Von Eric tore in at Young Marino and gave him a few well placed kicks in the mid-section. When the bell sounded Tony came out of his corner and surprised Von Eric with a little of his own medicine. After Von Eric recovered, he came at Marino and put on about four or five of his infamous "claw holds" and the referee stopped the match when he saw that it would be impossible for Marino to continue. And once again Fritz won out in a mad brawl.

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WRESTLING FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., continues the march as Wrestling Capitol of the World and the Glamour Boys from Buffalo, Mark Lewin and Don Curtis continue their march toward regaining whichever type heavyweight title they had lifted recently by the Graham Brothers. In the main event at Vince McMahon's Capitol Arena they won over an agile but not too popular team of Al Smith and Angelo Savoldi. Smith and Savoldi both turn out some fine individual work, but match anyone against Mark and Don in this town and right away they become monsters to the crowd.

The Amazing Zooming Argentina Zuma jumped, bounced and flattened The Sheik, prayer-rug, handmaiden et al.

Pierre and Francois Valarois defeated the team of Greg Jarque and Kenny Ackles. The popular Red Bastien won over John "The Neck" Vansky and Paul DeGallis beat Arnold "Golden Boy" Skoaland.

In another evening of top-notch wrestling from Capitol Arena, Argentina Zuma defeated Tokyo Joe in the headliner.

Mark Lewin and Don Curtis downed an enraged Karl Von Hess and Bob Hanson. The Tolos Brothers, Chris and John who are fast living up to their claim that they can polish off the entire crowd of tag teams, beat the local pleasers Arnold Skoaland and Kenny Ackles.

Athletic Red Bastien defeated Angelo Savoldi and Chief Big Heart and Skull Murphy thundered around the arena to the tune of a draw.

Vince McMahon packed them in for a look-see again at the tag-team of Chris and John Tolos and the Greek pair from Canada showed the fans the type of performances that are pushing these boys right up to the top. On this occasion they came up with a win over the unbeatable team of 601 pound Haystacks Calhoun and Red Bastien, who went down to defeat, but not in color nor popularity around the Dome.

In addition to this fine main event, the tag team of Pierre and Francois Valois won over Hebrew Champ Abe Jacobs and Arnold "Golden Boy" Skoaland, who is really taking his lumps of late.

Rito Romer defeated veteran Judo Jack Terry, Paul DeGallis picked up another win, this time over Mr. Puerto Rico and Luis Martinez beat Swede Bob Hanson.

RED McKIM
By Diane Devine

One of the most popular wrestlers ever to grace our ring is 5 foot, 9 in. Red McKim of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Red has a very athletic background. Before turning to professional wrestling he wrestled and played football in high school and college. He still is active in all sports and in addition to wrestling plays semi-pro football in Tulsa. Red did not become a member of the professional ranks for fame or money, it was simply because "*I love wrestling.*"

He is a member of the Y.M.C.A. and has a gym in his home in Tulsa where he is a member of the Weight-Lifting Club. He loves to hunt and fish in his spare time.

Wrestling has been good to Red since he turned pro, he has been co-holder of the Pacific Coast Tag-team Title, and the Oklahoma Tag-team Championship. At present he is rated the number one contender, in this area, for the World's Jr. Heavyweight Title.

Red McKim now has a new club. Anyone wishing to join this club, please contact this writer at 435 South Fort Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

IN LATIN AMERICA

BOXING IN PUERTO RICO
By Mario R. Martino

SIXTO ESCOBAR STADIUM, SAN JUAN:—Boxing made it's long awaited return to this island after an absence of 5 years in big style when 6,435 fans paid $22,116.00 to see Cus D'Amato's Jose Torres, 159, and Benny Paret, 154, of Havana fight to an unpopular ten round draw.

Despite the fact that undefeated Torres was making his hometown debut, local fans were of the opinion that Paret should have been entitled to the verdict. The Cuban very definitely did most of the leather tossing. Torres on the other landed the cleaner and heavier wallops.

Torres' attempt at a tenth round kayo were met by an equally determined opponent and after a fast session, the final bell found the Cuban apparently in condition to travel five more. The Cuban gained the plaudits of the fans when the final decision was announced but due credit must be given Torres when you consider that this was the first time he had travelled the ten round distance.

Lino Rendon, 160, Cuba, scored a six round kayo over Benny Antonetti, 149, Puerto Rico. Eleven pounds were too much of a handicap for Benny. Jesus M. Serrano, 126, decision Victor M. Sanchez, 126, in four. Juan Ramon Hernandez, 145, easily kayoed Jose Angel Santiago, 142½, in four. Elias Valentin Viruet, 126¼, and Pablo Casado, 134½, drew in four dull rounds.

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LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio:—Vincente "Pichon" Ramirez, 132, was too wise for willing boy Manuel "Chamaco" Castro, 139, and won unanimous decision.

In the 8-round semi, Jose "Ruso" Lopez, 124, outscored veteran Jesus "ChuChu" Garcia, 125. Pedro "Chato" Perez, 148, kayoed Agapito "Toro" Rivas, 145, in the sixth. Victor Chavez, 120, bested Felipe Gutierrez, 117, in four and Salvador Chong, 115, beat Jose Lucio, 115, also in four heats.

ARENA "SAN PEDRO", San Pedro:—Margarito Herrera "El Purina", 130, stopped Abundio Amador, 129, in six. Pepe Babin "Toro del Polo Norte", 179, stopped Javier "Elvis" Mejia, 175, in three rounds.

ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio:—Santiago "Cain" Rogero, 119, pressed veteran Panchito Villa II, 124, and finally knocked out the old man in the sixth round. Miguel Perez, 148, needed but two rounds to put to sleep Andres Herrera, 147, a farmer boy from Tlahualilo. "Chamaco" Rodriguez, 125, classy boxer, outpointed ChuChu Garcia, 125, in eight rounds. Jesus Martinez, 126, stopped "Cheto" Ramirez, 127, in two, and Enrique Ramirez, 118, kayoed Pancho Canales, 117, also in the second.

CHIHUAHUA:—Santiago "Cain" Rogero, 121, La Laguna willing mixer, scored a fine triumph when he easily decisioned local idol Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 125, in ten furious heats. "Chabelo" Rodriguez, 121, got the duke over Mike Heredia, 123, in the 8-round semi.

SAN ANDRES TUXTLA:—"Cubanito" Linaldi, 130, knocked out Leonel Perez, 128, in the second round. Manuel Velazquez, 126, bested "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 125, in ten rounds.

CATEMACO:—Jorge Villanueva, 136, defeated Kid Chocolate, 137, in ten stirring rounds.

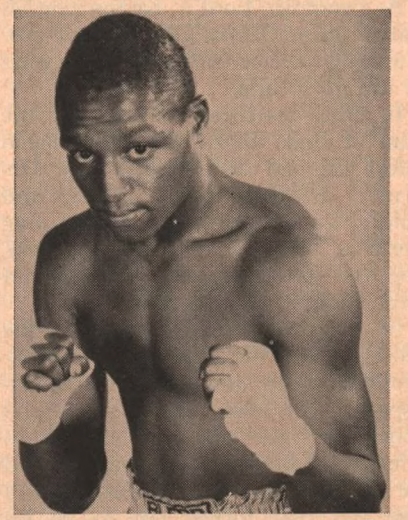
MATAMOROS:—Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 130, from La Laguna, stopped young Raimundo "Ray" Duran, 127, in the first round. Eliseo Peralta, 121, stopped Juan Hernandez, 123, also in one round.

PACHUCA:—Kid San Luis, 125, kayoed Ricardo Reyes, 126, in three rounds. "Muralla" Herrera, 130, halted Luciano Martinez, 134, in the fifth.

SAN ANDRES TUXTLA:—Kid Cucaracho, 117, iced "Chilango" Sansores, 118, in the ninth round.

MATAMOROS:—"Coneja" Hernandez, 125, won a ten round unanimous decision over Chaparro DeLeon, 122. "Chato" Herrera, 127, bested Memo Rubio, 126, in eight.

VERACRUZ:—"Cucaracho" Landa, 118, the same "Kid Cucaracho" who fought the day before in San Andres Tuxtula, decisioned "Pichi" Martinez, 120, in ten. Ramiro Ramirez, 123, bested Pantera Negra, 126, in ten heats.



L. C. MORGAN, Youngstown, Ohio lightweight, who is a big favorite in Mexico where he has done most of his fighting the past two years. He twice halted Roberto (Mono) Garcia in seven rounds the past month first in Guadalajara, then in Mexico City. A powerful puncher, Morgan has won 10 out of his 12 Mexican fights, 8 by knockouts.

ALTAMIRANO:—Canuto Mercado, 125, and Manuel Tellez, 128, drew in ten. "Cholo" Garcia, 126, outscored Juan Rodriguez, 124, in the 8-round semi-final.

CHIHUAHUA:—Paulino "Kangaroo" Araujo, 130, got the duke in ten rounds over Luis "Mananitas" Sanchez, 127. The Durango Scorpion, Hector Garcia, 131, halted Raul Anchondo, 134, in the sixth.

ACUNA:—"Gallito" Ruiz, 139, decisioned Juan "Azabache" Hernandez, 137, in ten. Kid Virgilio, 130, stopped Tony Lares, 128, in four rounds.

JUAREZ:—Alfredo Zuanny, 198, a product of Manuel Auza Prieto, kayoed Mat Jackson, 190, Denver, in the sixth. Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 121, stopped Freddie Rodriguez, 120, in the fourth. Bobby Pancho, 134, outscored Marcelino Vargas, 136, in six.

VICTORIA:—Baby Garcia, 132, easily whipped Ricardo "Raton" Vargas, 128, in ten rounds. Oscar Lugo, 121, bested Cesar Molina, 124, in the other ten.

PACHUCA:—Adolfo Olguin, 133, decisioned Beto Beltran, 134, in ten rounds. Jose Santos, 118, kayoed Daniel Serrano, 120, in the second heat. "Cubanito" Avila, 125, bested Jose Castillo, 126, in six rounds.

MATAMOROS:—David Camacho, 134, scored a 7-round technical decision over Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 132. Chano butted his foe and the referee stopped the fight when Camacho was well ahead on points. Julio Zuniga, 126, kayoed Kid del Polo, 125, in seven.

MATAMOROS:—"Chamaco" Perez, 118, embalmed Manuel Saavedra, 117, kid brother of Cesar Saavedra, in only two rounds. Johnny Hernandez, 124, halted Fili Santiago, 126, in the eighth.

PUEBLA:—Mario Fernandez, 118, outscored Nicolas Flores, 116, in ten. Bernardo Perez, 117, defeated Carlos Solis, 113, also in ten heats.

VERACRUZ:—"Cubanito" Linaldi, 130, whipped Ricardo "Raton" Vargas, 128, in ten rolls. Leonel Perez, 126, decisioned Cesareo Castillo, 128, in the 8-round semifinal.

GUADALAJARA:—L. C. Morgan, 143, halted Roberto "Mono" Garcia, 138, in the seventh round. The Monky floored Langston Carl for a short count, but later Captain Morgan put Garcia over the canvas for two times; the last one, for keeps. It was a wild fight against two real crowd pleasers. Facundo Martinez, 124, and "Sardito" Guerra, 121, drew after ten fast rounds.

MONTERREY:—Little "chicken-boy" from Acapulco, "Pollero" Garcia, 117, started his Northern Mexico campaign with a rotund 1-round kayo triumph over Juanito Mendoza, 118. Good for the little man from La Roqueta Beach! Hector Ramierez, 128, stopped Babe Alonso Ovalle, 127, in the fifth.

ACAPULCO:—Salvador "Sapo" Melendez, 110, scored a clean 12-round duke over Patricio Noriega, 109, to get the Guerrero State Flyweight Championship which was vacant since long time ago.

OAXACA:—Nacho Dominguez, 128, bested Tony Alamillo, 128, in ten. Gume Rodriguez or Luis Brito (the man fights under both names), 128, upset Javier "Pelirrojo" Vazquez, 126, in ten heats.

COLIMA:—Baby Gutierrez, 132, surprised the gang when he kayoed Al Olivera, 136, in the fifth round of their scheduled tener. "Charro" Benavides, 133, halted Baby Reyes, 131, also in five.

SAN ANDRES TUXTLA:—Ernesto "Lico" Figueroa, 126, knocked out "Papelero" Velazquez, 125, in eight rounds. "Pichi" Martinez, 120, stopped Joe Flores, 122, in the sixth.

CAMARGO:—Baby Concer, 149, the Conchos River Tiger, scored a 6-round kayo triumph over washed off veteran Jess Bogart, 152. Pete Holguin, 142, easily defeated Kid Pancho, 143, in the ten round semifinal.

JUAREZ:—Ike Chestnut, 130, was too experienced and wise for Claudio "Lobito" Adame, 130, and Ike hooked enough points to get a divided 10-round decision. In the 6-round semifinal, Manny Berrios, 127, defeated Carlos Rios, 128, La Laguna.

REYNOSA:—Border veteran Kid Anahuac (Humberto Martinez), 128, had to sweat a lot to get a booed ten round decision over young Federico "Babe" Alonso, 129. Baby Borrado, 130, iced Juan "Chico" Reyes, 132, in the very first round.

GUADALAJARA:—Juan Lopez, 126, kayoed Jose Tinoco, 129, in the fifth. Tony Napoles, 127, bested "Jaibo" Gutierrez, 130, in eight rounds.

DURANGO:—Raul Leanos, 117, the restless kid brother of Old Juan, scored a 6-round knockout over gallant Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 116. Little Raul, a clever and smart southpaw, has in his record a 10-round draw with Joe Becerra, the World Bantam Champ.

MATAMOROS:—Carlos Hernandez, 119, outscored Sabino Mendez, 120, in ten rounds. Memo Rubio, 122, halted Raymundo Garza, 121, in the third heat.

MONTERREY:—Joe Medel, 117, National Bantamweight Champion and one of the high ranked little men by THE RING, scored a seven round kayo triumph over gallant Pimi Barajas Jimenez, 118. Arturo Vazquez, 115, outpointed and surprised Panchito Saldivar, 116, in ten.

GUADALAJARA:—Reyes Lopez, 135, bested Nacho Kid, 137, after ten heats. Angel Coronado, 119, kid brother of Rudy Coronado, decisioned Tibico Torres, 117, in ten. Moy Torres, 125, halted "Chocolate" Zambrano, 127, in the very first round.

ACAPULCO:—Alex Arenas, 132, put to sleep Beto "Coreano" Gonzalez, 135, in eight rounds. Felix Padilla, 111, whipped Esteban Figueroa, 110, in the 8-round semi.

COLIMA:—"Cubanito" Gonzalez, 121, decisioned rough Eddie "Chilero" Luna, 118, in ten. Salvador Lopez, 138, defeated Juan Prieto, 136, in the other tener.

JUAREZ:—David Cervantes, 146, scored a clean cut decision triumph over cute veteran Paddy de Marco, 143, Brooklyn. Baby Concer, 149, kayoed David Perez, 150, in the sixth. Marcelino Vargas, 137, bested Raul Anchondo, 135, after six heats.

CELAYA:—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 119, former National Bantamweight Champ, took again an easy one when he kayoed Marcelo Gonzalez, 123, in only four rounds. "Torito" Mota, 117, and Carlos Merino, 118, drew after ten well fought rounds.

PACHUCA:—Raul Reyes, 125, Feather Champ of the Hidalgo State, kayoed Ricardo Reyes, 126, in the fifth round. Toto Paracho, 130, won by disqualification over "Muralla" Herrera, 130, in the fifth roll.

MONTERREY: — Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 150, easily whipped Everardo Armenta, 149, hard hitter man from Sonora. Hermelindo Mondragon, 122, outscored Frankie Silva, 121, in the ten round semifinal bout.

ACAPULCO:—Lauro Garcia, 120, got the 10-round duke over Chucho "Kid" Tello, 117. Kid Roma, 134, kid brother of lightweight Champ Al Urbina, halted Tony Sanchez, 136, in the fourth round.

GUADALAJARA:—The fans got a Royal Battle for their tickets! Manuel Ochoa, 130, fouled veteran Reyes Lopez, 135, often and after the referee warned him, he got mad and he landed a right cross on the referee's jaw. Then, the referee nailed his left hook to Don Manual Ochoa's midsection. When this happened, the Police invaded the ring and they stopped the show. Of course, Don Manual Ochoa lost by disqualification in seven rounds.

JUAREZ:—Another easy one for The Toluco Indian! This time, Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 120, stopped inexperienced Eduardo Santos, 121, in two rounds. Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 119, kayoed Freddie Guzman, 119, in the second heat.

VICTORIA:—Carlos Hernandez, 119, halted Chuy Rodriguez Espinosa, 118, in six rounds.

GUADALAJARA: — Huracan Mazatleco (Anselmo Delgadillo), 127, outpointed "Acorazado" Lopez, 129, in ten tough rounds.

ACAPULCO:—Juan Ibares, 117, Bantamweight Champ of Guerrero State, scored his most valuable triumph when he kayoed "Cuervo" Salinas, 116, Mexico City, in only three rounds. Jose Lomeli, 120, also stopped Julio Martinez, 123, in the third heat.

MONTERREY:—Local newcomer Tony Lopez, 135, knocked out veteran Lupe Garcia, 138, in nine rounds. Manual Galvan, 126, halted Beto Liceaga, 125, in the fifth.

GUADALAJARA:—Alex Arenas, 130, embalmed Heliodoro Hernandez, 129, in four rounds. Tony Napoles, 126, kayoed Luis Garcia, 126, in the fourth.

CHIHUAHUA:—The Large Ugly Bird sings again! Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 128, the wild and mad Bird from Mexico City, returned to the ring and scored a clean knockout over Hector Garcia, 130, in the fourth round. In the scheduled 10-round semifinal, Ramon Torres, 133, halted Carlos del Hierro, 129, in the third.

BOXING IN ENSENADA
By Rodolfo Cuevas Quiroga

ON MAIN EVENT: Alfredo "Molote" Cota and Agustin "Chilango" Rosales both on the Mexican ranking had a dull fight, with a split decision going to Cota.

On the semifinal a very good prospect Gabriel Hernandez won by TKO in seven over Gregorio Medina, weights: Hernandez 132 and Medina 138. On the others, all four rounders, Rodolfo "Zurdo" Montalvo went up off the canvas twice on the first round to KO Gilberto Alor. Promises from here, Ruben Valtierra (flyweight) KO on the 4th Kid Diamante (Jose Antonio Aguila) and Bobby Medina get a unanimous decision over Bonzo Roselli (Jesus Castro) both feathers.

Cota weighed 145 and Rosales 148.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

MAR DEL PLATA: At the "Bristol" ring, lightweight Vicente Rerado decisioned in 10 rounds with Alejandrino Rojas.

BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park, welterweight Ricardo Falech won by a T.K.O. over Jeni Faracci and undefeated featherweight Santos Simili drew in 10 with Cornelio Yapura.

LA PLATA: At the "Atenas" ring, lightweight Adan Gomez won in 8 rounds over Jose Castelli and Arturo Gonzalez decisioned in 10 Dario Martinez.

CORDOBA: In the "Cordoba Sport Club," lightweight Arnaldo Manrique won by a T.K.O. in 8th over Hugo Gregorat and in the same class, Vicente Derado decisioned in 10 over Hugo Juarez.

ROSARIO: In the welter division, Miguel Saliadarre drew in 10 rounds with Abel White.

BAHIA BLANCA: At the "Salon de los Deportes" ring, lightweight Cesar Farias won by a T.K.O. in 5th over Hector Quijada.

ROSARIO: At the ring of "Sud" stadium, welterweight Humberto Figueredo drew in 10 rounds with Jose Palacios.

JUJUY: Ramon Paz, in the welter class decisioned in 10 rounds over Juan Carlos Tolosa.

MAR DEL PLATA: Featherweight Roberto C. Palavecino decisioned in 10 rounds over Oscar Vargas.

BUENOS AIRES: In the featherweight class and at the Luna Park ring, Alfredo Bunetta, ex-Argentine champion, won the decision in 10 rounds over Amorindo Amicuzzi.

TANDIL: At the "Santamarina" wing, featherweight Lucas Robledo decisioned in 10 rounds over Adolfo Pendas.

BUENOS AIRES: At "Lunar Park" ring, featherweight Aldo Gamboa won the decision in 10 rounds over Raul Vargas.

NECOCHEA: At the "Olimpia" ring, lightweight Jorge Cabrera decisioned in 10 rounds over Juan Salinas.

ROSARIO: Miguel Maidana, in the light weight class won by a T.K.O. in 3rd over Oscar Nolasco.

LA PLATA: Felix Castaneda, in the light division, lost by a K.O. in 7th after Carlos Albanello and Guillermo Dustchmann in the light heavyweight won by a T.K.O. in 4th over Juan Carlos Gonzalez.

ROSARIO: Pedro Miranda, in the feather division, decisioned in 10 over Jose P. Casas. Horacio Rivero, lightweight, drew in 10 with Omar Vivanco.

BAHIA BLANCA: In the light heavyweight division, Jose Manzur outpointed in 10 over Cesar Vasquez.

CORONEL PRINGLES: Domingo Tacuabe, in the feather class won the decision in 10 rounds over Juan Gonzalez Neira.

MAR DEL PLATA: In the middle class, Andres Selpa kayoed in 5th over Juan Burgues (Uruguay). Burgues received a severe lacing.

BUENOS AIRES: In the light division and at the Luna Park ring, Vicente Derado drew in 10 rounds with Pedro Benelli.

BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring, flyweight Carlos Rodriguez won by a T.K.O. in 8th over Antonio Gomez.

TUCUMAN: Oscar "Cachin" Diaz, in the feather class, kayoed Ricardo Miranda in first round.

BAHIA BLANCA: At the ring of "Palacio de los Deportes," lightweight Pedro I. Videla decisioned in 10 rounds over Manual Seron.

ROSARIO: Undefeated Santos Simili, in the feather division, drew in 10 rounds with Guillermo Mondot.

BERAZATEGUI: Lightweight Rogelio Andre kayoed in second round over Domingo Peralta.

BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring, lightweight Orlando Zulueta won by a T.K.O. in 9th over Osvaldo Canete.

MAR DEL PLATA. At the "Bristol" ring, Nelson Rizzo, welterweight local champion, drew in 10 with Mario Basualdo.

BUENOS AIRES. At the Luna Park, for the national selection in the middle class, Andres Selpa decisioned in 10 rounds Esteben Caprani.

CORDOBA: Undefeated lightweight and Argentine champion Jaime Gine won the decision in 10 over Juan Campos.

BAHIA BLANCA. Lightweight Cesar Farias decisioned in 10 over Aldo Gomez.

NECOCHEA: Undefeated Argentine champion in the heavy class Jose Georgetti, kayoed in first over Conrado Feddi. Feddi was not in the same class of the champion.

BUENOS AIRES: At Luna Park ring, ex-feather champion Alfredo Bunetta decisioned over Adrian Servin in 10.

TRELEW: In the middle division, Antonio Diaz drew in 10 with Bernardo Romero.

BUENOS AIRES: In Luna Park ring, Roberto Chetta, in the welter division, won the decision in 10 over Mario Basualdo.

BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring for the national selection in the middle class, Hector Mora decisioned in 10 rounds over Alberto Billaflor and Juan Carlos Duran over Antonio Nigri, in ten.

BAHIA BLANCA: At the "Salon de los Deportes" ring, Argentine welter champion Frederick Thompson won by a T.K.O. in 7th over Cesar Pereyra.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amerg

COLIMA, COL: ANTERO "CUBANITO" Gonzalez, 124, of Yucatan, stopped Chiquilin Vazquez, 126, in five rounds.

▶COLIMA, COL: Antero "Cubanito" Gonzalez, 124, iced Chocolate Rios, 124, in only two rounds.

▶COLIMA, COL: Antero "Cubanito" Gonzalez, 123, whipped Eddie "Chilero" Luna, 125, in a gruelling and exciting ten rounder.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

SEPTEMBER'S HIGHLIGHT WAS THE MAURO VAZQUEZ-ERNESTO FIGUEROA BOUT, which Mauro won by K.O. in the eighth round with a right swing to the chin, when Figueroa was slightly ahead on points. Results of the month follow:

Goyo Flores, 118, and Javier Carfias, 118, drew in 10. Jaibo Carranza, 129, Victor Adame, 129, in 8. Raul Reyes, 126, stopped Miguel Valdez, 126, in 4. Daniel Fernandez, 118, decisioned Juan Sanchez, 117, in 6. Salvador Camargo, 118, decisioned Juan Saldana, 118, in 4.

Memo Gonzalez, 119, decisioned Chuy Rodriguez, 119, in 10. Huracan Mazatleco, 126, decisioned Cuco Rodriguez, 126, in 6. Sal Hernandez, 118, stopped Chango Samaniego, 118, in 2. Torito Lopez, 118, stopped Toluco Estrada, 118, in the sixth. Al Cruz, 126, stopped Gabino Sanchez, 126, in 3.

Maruo Vazquez, 135, stopped Ernesto Figueroa, 135, in 8. El Chihauahua, formerly Chihuahua Kid, 134, won from Jaime Martinez, formerly Cisco Kid, 135, in 10. Gregorio Sanchez, 118, decisioned Jose Luis Valdes, 118, in 6. Carlos Lopez, 118, decisioned Mosco Vargas, 118, in 6. Guillermo Bustillos, 134, beat Enrique Evans, 133, in 4.

Vetarra Pedro Rodriguez, 134, stopped Cosme Maldonado, 135, in 7. Jorge Alatorre, 118, decisioned Julio Moreno, 118, in 8. Jose Trejo, 125, decisioned Raul Garcia, 123, in 6. Dimas Colin, 118, won by a disqualification from Antonio Alvarez, 118, in 6. Jose Lius Dominguez, 112, decisioned Indio Jose, 112, in 4.

L. C. Morgan, 136, from California, stopped Mono Garcia, 136, in 7. Anselmo Najera, 147, decisioned Roman Nava, 146, in 8. David Gomez, 126, stopped Ricardo Reyes, 124, in 2. Mauro Miranda, 112, decisioned Luis Lujano, 112, in 6. Jaime Perez, 112, won from Agustin Jimenez, 112, in 4.

Felix Liendo, 135, a boy from Venezuela, making his professional debut, stopped Enrique Castillo, 134, in 4. Marcel Montoya, 118, and Pedro Rodriguez, 118, drew in 8. Juan Sanchez, 118, stopped Gregorio Sanchez, 118, in 3. Jose Hernandez, 118, decisioned Ruben Gaytan, 117, in 6. Carlos Ocampo, 117, decisioned Cirilo Sanchez, 118, in 4.

BOXING IN BRAZIL
By Walter Quiroga

IBIRAPUERA STADIUM:—YASSUSHI KUMAGAI, 133¼, of Tokyo, Japan, won a unanimous decision over Argentinian Victor Sanchez, 133, in a ten round fight.

Oripes dos Santos, 128½, stopped Geraldo Marquez, 133½, at the beginning of the second round. Both are Brazilians. Walter Rodriguez, 174, outpointed Aristides Pinto, 173½, in eight rounds. Lindolfo Alves, 158, outpointed Paulo Vitor, 157½, in six rounds.

▶Odeon Arena, Sao Paulo:—Colonel Vicente Saguas Presas, Junior, president of the Federation Paulista of Boxing, opened his small arena for boxing. It is the Ibirapuera Stadium.

The Brazilian Oripes dos Santos, 129, was stopped by Argentinian Victor Sanchez, 133, in the fourth round due to a deep cut in the mouth.

Walter Gomez de Moraes, outpointed Sabino Leonardo in six rounds. Both are Brazilian welters. Antonio Pereyra da Silva outpointed Francisco de Lima in six and Felicio de Oliveira outpointed Cecilio Alem in six.

▶Auditorium, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil:—Argentinian Gregorio Peralta defeated Brazilian light heavyweight Luis Ignacio in the third round.

▶Odeon Arena, Sao Paulo:—Spanish middleweight Felipe Cambeiro, 156, won a unanimous decision over Argentinian Hugo Medina, 158, in a re-match.

Welterweight Osmar Pereyra outpointed Nelson de Oliveira in six. Lightweights Sebastiao Raimundo and Joao Pereyra da Costa drew in six rounds. Lightweights Felicio de Oliveira and Antonio Fernandez drew in six rounds.

▶Odeon Arena, Sao Paulo:—Nelson de Andrade, 174, former Brazilian middleweight champion, came back after a long layoff and outpointed Brazilian Walter Rodriguez, 173, in ten.

Antonio Fernandez outpointed Cecilio Alem in six. Both lightweights. Otacilio dos Santos drew in six rounds with Antonio Pereyra and Felicio de Oliveira outpointed Claudio de Jesus in six.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

PANAMA NATIONAL GYMNASIUM — TORRES BROTHERS staged 26 rounds of boxing in which Horacio Otis, lightweight champion of Panama, knocked out in the main event in the ninth round by Jorge (Ovispon) Quintero who scaled 134¾ to 135 for the champ.

In the semi-final of 8 rounds, Roy Best, 129, won the unanimous decision over Jose Felix Gondolo, 129. They are feathers.

Serafin Garcia, 120, won from Eduardo Fruto, 122, in 4; Chodo (Constantino) Diaz 119¼, beat Nath. Escudero, 119, in four.

▶At the Panama National Gymnasium, Joseph McLoughlin and Louis Craig promoting, Hector Hicks, 121½, Panama, easily whipped Dinamo Colombo, feather champion of Colombia, 121¾, in 10. Dinamo was down in the second round.

Jose Perez, 128¼, lost to Stanley Wilson, 128¼, in six. Serafin Garcia, 124¼, drew with Alejandro Pacheco, 121¼, in 4 and David Wright, 129½, beat Bobo Solcedo, 129¼, in an exciting four by a split verdict.

▶At Puerto Armuelles, a town near Costa Rica, Luis Cedeno staged a good program in which in the main event of 10 rounds featherweight Jose Escobito Rivas was beaten by Sammy Medina by unanimous decision. Flyweight Negro Gonzales defeated Sanitago Roderiguez in 12 rounds. The winner gained the 112 pound championship. Jelio Cedeno knocked out Cirilio Vego in the first round. It was an excellent show and the promoter hopes to stage others.

▶At the Panama Nacional Gym, Egbert Reid promoting, ex-bantam king Melvin Bourne, now a featherweight, stopped Roberto Murilo in the fifth. Andres Asessino Allen, substituting for Stanley Wilson, kayoed Roy Best in the fourth. They are feathers. Eligio Poncilles won from Franklin McCree, in four. They are feathers. Constantino Diaz beat Saids Mendez in four.

THE NAME'S THE THING

Captain Mark Fannon, Public Relations Officer for a Florida Military School, and long time Ring Magazine correspondent.

By MARK FANNON

THE welterweight championship battle between Don (Geronimo Kid) Jordan and Virgil (Honeybear) Akins and the recent death of the Black Panther (Harry Wills), recall to mind the colorful names of many of the prominent fighters of the world. As exciting as the sport of boxing is to the fight fan, these names add mystery and identity to the stars of fistiana.

They are names that will stick—perhaps become immortal—like those of The Michigan Assassin, The Boston Strong Boy, Gentleman Jim, The Boiler Maker, The Durable Dane, The Old Master, etc. No need to ask the real baptismal name of these warriors to a real boxing fan.

This writer would pick Terrible Terry McGovern as the most frightening name for an opponent to cope with. That name must have shaken his foes to their very toes before the bell sounded. After the bell things didn't get any better, say the old timers. Baby Face McLarnin and Kid Lavigne, The Saginaw Kid, were, no doubt, the most deceptive of titles to fit these wildcats.

There are some races that have difficult names to pronounce in English. Indeed, the modern announcer must be a linguist to break even.

It might be wise for foreign fighters to copy the press agents of show people and wrestlers in giving their charges names that are easily uttered and remembered.

French names, for instance, sound entirely strange when pronounced for the spectator by a Frenchman. Yvon Durelle would be better off (with the exception of Canada and France) to be called simply Von Durelle. Ovilla Chapdelaine was lucky that a ring announcer thought he said Jack Delaney—the English sound of his last name for that is what he was always known to ring fans.

Paul Junior of Lewiston, Maine, a former top lightweight, came to Boston's Mechanics Building to battle Red "Machine Gun" Guggino of Hartford. Junior, really Paul Labbe, Jr., a thrifty Frenchman, took his following along for the performance. When Guggino bowed his head in a clinch, Paul straightened it out with an uppercut. His French pals at the ringside were quick to notice this and the next time Paul found his opponent in this position, his friends shadow boxing at ringside and fighting just as hard as their hero, would yell "en dessous" (underneath). Paul got the message and uppercutted. After two or three rounds the audience got into the act and yelled "en dessous" in unison whenever the fighters came together.

Paul won the decision in a routine fight but the added color made it a battle to remember.

Milo Theodorescu, a concert violinist from Rumania, came to the States to play the violin, so the story goes. Unable to find enough work at his craft, he took to boxing at which he had had some experience. He was a tough second rater and his name according to the fight crowd was pronounced "to-the-rescue". He got this name for two reasons: It was much easier to say—and he could be depended on to substitute on a show at the last minute. (Come to the rescue.)

One night in Boston he jumped into the ring as a sub carrying along his violin with his long hair covering his face when allowed to fall forward. This was a handicap as he spent much time brushing the hair from his face when he wasn't busy otherwise. It was his custom to fiddle a tune on that expensive violin after each fight.

Milo was outclassed this night against a top notch opponent, whose name escapes me, and he took quite a pounding.

After the fight he picked up his violin. The crowd was quiet a moment in anticipation. But Milo quickly left the ring.

"*Isn't Milo going to play the violin?*" an anxious ringside fan asked.

"*Play,*" retorted his friend, "*After the walloping he took, I doubt if he can get it tucked under his chin.*"

Henry Chmielewski, former amateur middleweight champion of Europe, arrived in the U. S. in the hope of getting sufficient money to locate his missing parents in Poland. He was a rugged battler, had a beautiful right, was aggressive and colorful, but was plagued by scar tissue over both eyes—the slightest punch would open cuts.

After fighting all the top notchers (he defeated Lou Brouillard in Lou's last fight), he attempted a comeback under the name of Henry Chemel. He was scheduled to meet his old rival Coley Welch.

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WILL MOORE RETIRE?

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"As I sat in the corner awaiting the second round, I said, 'Archie, you got to punish this man for his insolence.'

"Well, I kept getting stronger and finally I beat him down.

"So you see, there is a way to train, and it lies between my way of preparing for Patterson, and my system of getting ready for Durelle the first time.

"Training for the second fight with Durelle, I had to overcome terrible anxiety about my desperately sick wife. But everything came out fine, and now you see in me a cinema star.

"Know something? It's a great world. Here I am at forty-three, entering on a fresh career."

Archie's mother says he is 46. But, 43 or 46, he's quite a guy.

Moore still has not gotten over The Ring Magazine's picking Johansson the Fighter of the Year for 1958 and passing him up.

"I still say I should have been picked, but bygones are bygones and could be, you still will have to give that prize to Archie Moore," he chuckled.

"Now, tell me this. How are you men on The Ring Magazine going to solve the 1959 Fighter of the Year puzzle, with Johansson knocking out Patterson, and Fullmer trouncing Basilio? It's not an easy problem to solve."

"I am not squawking about your picking Johansson over me, because I owe so much to The Ring Magazine. It advanced my cause when I needed help desperately, and I want to thank Nat Fleischer for everything he did for me, and the things I know he will go on doing for me, just so long as I continue in the ring."

TOUGH TRADE HELPED RING STARS

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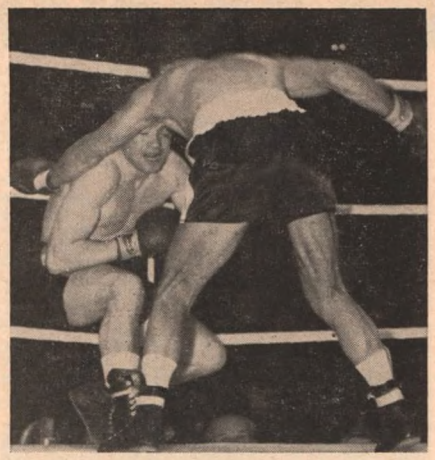
Jim Corbett never wielded a hammer but even as a bank clerk, he spent many hours in outdoor exercises—rowing, handball, baseball, and in gymnasium training, to reach the high position he attained.

Jack Johnson, whom I rate the best all-around man among the heavyweights, gained his endurance and physical development as a stevedore, lifting heavy bales of cotton on Galveston wharves. Harry Willis, almost as good physically today as he was in his prime, is another who developed on the docks of the South.

Glancing over a list of former pugilists of note in "The Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia", I find among the top-notchers, miners, blacksmiths, lumberjacks, arms machinists, stevedores, longshoremen, cowboys, brewers, piano movers, wood choppers, teamsters, plasterers and coopers.



Former world bantamweight champion Mario D'Agata sends British Empire champion Freddie Gilroy into the rope during the third round of their London battle. Mario floored his foe four times, but in between knockdowns took a sound lacing from his younger and faster foe and lost a ten round decision. The game little deaf-mute is coming close to the end of the trail, but earned the plaudits of the crowd with his aggressive showing against his Irish conqueror.

Not all of the blame rests on today's boxers. Much of the responsibility can be attributed to poor coaching. Men like Billy Delaney, Parson Davies, Doc Robb, Tom O'Rourke, Young Otto and Jack Blackburn, among dozens of others in the old school, knew the game from A to Z. Most of those who do the coaching and training nowadays, know less about boxing than do the lads they are trying to teach. Robb taught Leonard the finer points of boxing when he was a kid. Even when Benny was a champion, Robb still aided him.

There are some very good teachers today. But for every top coach or trainer there are a dozen or more poor ones who should be on the outside looking in rather than in the ring looking after their charges. Whitey Bimstein, Jammy August, Angelo Dundee, Bill Gore, Freddie Brown, Dan and Nick Florio, Izzy Kline, George Chemaris, Johnny Sullo, Chickie Ferrera, Charley Goldman and Doc Moore rate high among the present crop.

Watching the boxers in gymnasiums both here and abroad, or in battles, one can see how little the majority of present day boxers have been taught. Their lack of defense plus poor stance tell the story.

Years ago, pugilism was an art and good instructors were in abundance. They were the "professors" who taught their charges the proper stance before any other facet of boxing was undertaken.

The art of boxing was at its height long before padded gloves took the place of bare fists. The oldest of sports, it began before the Christian era dawned and boxing matches were fought with the cestus.

As civilization advanced, the cestus was abandoned and bare fist fighting became a leading sport in England and America. It was slightly less dangerous than the old Roman way of boxing and those who practiced it, had to learn how to protect themselves.

Since necessity is the mother of invention, the bare knuckle warriors discovered much that continued to be useful after gloves were introduced. Now most of that has been forgotten. For example, the art of feinting which was best exemplified to a high degree by Jack Johnson, has been lost.

Tossing a punch with the full weight of the body behind it, is another lost art. Fitzsimmons, Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Max Schmeling, Joe Louis all knew how to gain the full benefit of a blow, because they had the perfect stance.

When gloves superceded bare knuckles, fighters became less cautious of their weapons and correct hitting began to give way to wild swings. In the bare knuckle days the straight left was the foundation of ring strategy. It was not a feeble tap that could be ignored such as one frequently sees in the ring today, but a punishing blow that often produced a knockdown.

The best example of what can be done with a straight left when used by an expert, was seen in the battle between Bombardier Billy Wells and Al Palzer in the old Garden. Wells was the British champion heavyweight and Palzer was one of the giant White Hopes, a rough, tough specimen who was being primed for a shot at Jack Johnson, in the hope that he would be able to bring the crown back to the Caucasian race.

Palzer was many pounds the heavier. Wells was a slender, finely built, scientific boxer and good hitter, but he had one big weakness—a glass jaw.

Timing one of Palzer's bull-like rushes perfectly to the great delight of silver-haired Tom O'Rourke, Palzer's former manager whom Al had discharged, Wells stepped in to meet the American and let go a straight left that travelled only a few inches. The result was startling to both Palzer and the onlookers. The heels of the American flew into the air and he came down on his neck and shoulders.

Were it not for the wild rooting of O'Rourke who was most eager to see Palzer stopped, Wells might have won by a knockout. But when Palzer saw O'Rourke's antics at ringside, he drew himself into an upright position, saved himself from a knockout and in the end, handsome Billy Wells, the man of science, lost the fight. But the blow he had struck, was one of the most neatly delivered lefts it has been my pleasure to see in half a century at the ringside.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

STREATHAM . . . Dave Charnley, British and Empire Lightweight Champion, who is matched to meet Joe Brown of Texas for the latter's World Title, punched his way to an eighth round victory over Jimmy Brown, Belfast. Referee Tommy Little intervened to save a game fighter from taking unnecessary punishment. It looked all over in the first round, when Charnley connected with rights to the head and a combination of left and right uppercuts that had Brown tottering, but the gong came to his assistance. From then on it was Charnley all the way. After two minutes and thirty-five seconds of the eighth, it was a useless effort for Brown to continue.

Having his first outing since his sensational contest against Bobby Neil, baby face Terry Spinks, West Ham, 127¾, was very disappointing in his comeback against a tearaway opponent in Derry Trainor of Ireland, 125½. Gone was the fleet of foot clever boxing of the former Olympic flyweight champion. Instead we saw a flat-footed Spinks slugging it out with a SLUGGER, whose method was to take Spinks out of his stride, and in this he succeeded. Trainor had the better of the maul and received the points decision after eight hard fought rounds. . . . "Spike" McCormack, Lightweight Champion of Northern Ireland, 137, outpointed Dave Stone, Battersea, Southern Area Lightweight Champion, 136½, in ten. . . . Stone forced the issue from the first gong. Stone was made to miss with his heavier punching, and this may have influenced the referee to raise the hand of McCormack as the winner. . . . Roy Beaman, Brixton, 119¼, outclassed Don Armarh, Ghana, 117¼, and the bout was stopped in the third. . . . Tanos Lambrianides, Greece, 148, stopped Mike Robins, Camberwell, 149¼, in the sixth. . . . Peter Heath, Coventry, 135¼, knocked out Eddie Hughes, Walworth, 139½, in the fourth.

▶GREENOCK . . . Bobby Kane, Greenock, 139½, Ex-Amateur Champion, made a successful debut in the paid ranks with a points win over Johnny McLaren, Coatbridge, 137, in six. . . . Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, Scottish flyweight champion, 117½, stopped Billy Skelly, Belfast, 126, in the second after the latter had suffered a badly cut eye. . . . Dave Cross, Dundee, 127¼, stopped John Murphy, Glasgow, 127½, in the third.

▶ABERDARE . . . New promoters are always welcome, and Theo "Offie" Davies of Merthyr, was well satisfied with his opening show in which he staged two Welsh Championships. . . . Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 174, successfully defended his Cruiserweight title against Don Sainsbury, Penarth, 175, in a gruelling battle in which the latter gamely withstood heavy punishment before his seconds called referee Ike Powell to their corner at the end of the ninth, and wished for their man to retire. This was accepted by the referee and Sangoe was declared the winner. Terry Rees, Rhondda & Catford, 125¾, gained the vacant featherweight title when he was declared the winner over Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 125½, in the sixth. The latter was disqualified by referee Bernard Murphy for alleged low punching. At the time of the unfortunate ending, Blakey seemed to be getting on top after a evenly fought bout.

Howard Winstone, Merthyr, 124½, enhanced his record with a good win over Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 124, when referee Ike Powell intervened at the end of the seventh, as the latter was in no fit condition to continue in a uphill battle. Terry Crimmings, Cardiff, 121¼, won his second professional bout in good style by outclassing Micky Redmond, Bristol, 120. The referee intervened in the second round.

The referee was again called to intervene in the bout between Jerry Parker, Leicester, 123, and Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 127, the latter was not in condition to defend himself during the fifth. . . . Tommy Power, Leicester, 160½, and Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 161, fought a draw in six hard hitting rounds.

▶LIVERPOOL . . . Tony Smith, Bootle, 145, kept his unbeaten record of 15 straight wins by convincingly outpointing Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147, in eight. . . . Referee Wally Thom had an easy task at the end of the bout to raise the hand of Smith, for the latter was well ahead on points. Correct punching and split second timing, brought Derek Liversidge, Retford, 152, a knock-out victory over Richie Edwardson, Bootle, 150½, in 55 seconds of the second round.

Teddy Tyrrell, Bootle, 118, outpointed Joe Burke, Hindley Green, 116, in four. Former School Champion, Brian New, Widnes, 139, made a successful entry into the paid ranks with a points win over Brian Hunt, Worksop, 17, in four.

▶NEWCASTLE . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 146¾, British Welterweight Champion, scored a three round win over Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 150, when the referee was forced to intervene as Jackson was suffering from a badly cut left eye. Molloy connected with a right in the first punch of the bout that brought the claret from a cut, and from then on the latter was fighting with a big handicap, and the referee was justified in ending the bout.

Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, 147½, looked all over a winner against Jimmy McGuinness, Wishaw, 151½, for the latter was put down on the canvas as the bell ended the first round. The latter recovered during the rest and went ahead with clever left hand punching to gain the lead. In the last session Lawson was in receipt of a left hook that put him down for "seven", and on rising, was in a bad way, referee Tommy Watson wisely raised the hand of McGuinness as the winner only seconds from the final gong.

John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 127¾, stopped Charles Odumasi, Ghana, 128, in the seventh. . . . Phil McGrath, Halifax, 128, gained a clear points win over Eric Brett, Retford, 128¾, in eight. . . . Johnny Nolan, Middlesborough, 136, stopped Roy Smith, Nottingham, 139, in the sixth, when the referee stopped the bout owing to the latter having sustained a badly cut lip. . . . John Bacon, Middlesborough, 137½, outpointed Tommy Weston, Preston, 137, in six.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . There were some lively exchanges at The Town Hall when Harry Grossmith started his boxing season. . . . Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 128½, who relinquished his Scottish Lightweight Title to campaign amongst the feathers, met a dour opponent in Robbie Wilson, West Ham, 129, in eight rounds . . . the latter went off to a good start, winning the first two rounds by a fair margin, but Kidd biding his time, dropped Wilson for a count of "eight" in the third with a hard left hook. The taller West Ham featherweight came back fighting every inch of the way but again took "nine" in the fifth, and from then on was the receiver, but stubbornly lasted the distance.

Roy Beaman, Brixton, 119½, took 45 seconds to stop Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 117½. It looked like being the record for the shortest fight on record, for as they came up to face each other from the first gong, Beaman caught Downer with a perfect left hook, and the latter fell backwards to take a count of "nine." Rising unsteadily, he was a target for another punch and he again was on the deck for "nine". On rising it was obvious that he was not in condition to continue, and the referee wisely stopped the bout.

Tony Mancini, Fulham, 143, who for a time retired as a fighter to act as a boxing manager, made a successful come back with a sixth round victory against Billy Goodwin, Bermondsey, 143, when the referee intervened to save Goodwin from further punishment. Jake O'Neil, Morden, 136, won a hard-hitting six against Dave Thomas, Halloway, 138¾.

▶PAISLEY . . . Peter Keenan, former British Bantamweight Champion, now a successful promoter in Scotland, was rewarded with a full house when he staged the controversial contest between the 21-year-old Chic Calderwood, Craigneuk, 176, against Sam Langford, Nigeria, 175¼. . . . How would the youngster fare against the strong forceful fighter from Nigeria. . . . Calderwood not only stood the test but he came out best in a hard fought bout to make his opponent cry "enough" at the end of the seventh.

Jackie Brown, Edinburgh, 111¾, former Empire & A.B.A. amateur Champion, enhanced his reputation by winning The Scottish Flyweight Title from Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 112, when the latter was forced to retire in the tenth with a badly cut eye. This was the fifth contest of Brown's professional career, and his brilliant boxing brought him many cheers.

The vacant Scottish Bantamweight Title was won by Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 118, when he forced Tommy Miller, West Lothian, 118, to retire at the end of the fifth, after receiving a badly cut eye. From the start, Miller was able to keep the aggressive twenty-three-year old Morrissey at bay by his clever defensive boxing, but the hard hitting Lanarkshire lad kept going forward and in the fourth his method paid off, for Miller was forced to take two counts. The Veteran managed to last the round to face a dour brother Scot, who was all out for "The Kill", and it was no surprise to witness a one-sided fifth in which Miller received his eye damage and the latter's retirement from the contest.

Watch out for the progress of George Judge, former Amateur featherweight champion of Glasgow, 128, who was having his first professional contest, for he created a grand debut in stopping Ollie Wyllie, Aberdeen, 125½, in the sixth and last round, when referee Jake Kilrain intervened after Wyllie had taken three counts. . . . Bobby Kane, Greenock, 137, outpointed Ricardo McMasters, Jamaica, 150½, in six.

▶It is with deep regret that I report of the passing of Mr. A. Van Gelder, vice-president of The British Boxing Board of Control, in his seventy-third year, from a heart attack. . . . Also the passing of Billy Pritchard, The Stalybridge Postman, who fought all the best welters and middleweights in the 1920-1930 era. . . . The death of Tom Smith.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to October 20, 1959)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Yama Bahama (B)	Philemon Tschabalala (SA)
3. Brian London (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
4. Dick Richardson(W)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Terry Downes (E)	Johnny van Rensberg (SA)
5. Joe Bygraves (J)	San Langford (N)	Clive Stewart (A)	Gale Kerwin (C)
6. George Chuvalo (C)	Arthur Howard (E)	John McCormack (S)	Gerald Gray (J)
7. Gawie de Klerk (SA)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Albert Carroll (E)
8. Dave Rent (E)	Harry Dodoo (G)	Harry Speedie (SA)	Mike Leahy (I)
9. Joey Armstrong (G)	Ron Redrup (E)	Attu Clottey (G)	Billy Todd (A)
10. Jack Toller (G)	Ron Barton (E)	Freddie Cross (W)	Sandy Manuel (N)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Johnny Caldwell (I)
2. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Rafiu King (N)	George Bowes (E)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Percy Lewis (T)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Derek Lloyd (E)
4. Billy Kelly (I)	Bobby Neill (S)	Len Reece (W)	Dennis Adams (SA)
5. Barney Beale (E)	Wally Taylor (A)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Frank Jones (S)
6. Jackie Hayden (C)	Ernie Baronet (SA)	Dick White (A)	Moses Edeki (N)
7. Dave Stone (E)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Malcolm McLeod (I)
8. George Bracken (A)	John O'Brien (S)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	John Mtimkulu (SA)
9. "Spike" McCormick (I)	Terry Spinks (E)	Derry Treanor (I)	Pancho Bhatachaji (In)
10. Johnny Butterworth (E)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Bernie Taylor (SA)	Little Joe (G)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

Clackmannan, former Scottish Middleweight Champion, of 1937, and Johnny Connolly of Glasgow, under tragic circumstances in a mine accident in Scotland, was also the sad news of the month. . . . "MAY THEIR DEAR SOULS REST IN PEACE."

▶WOLVERHAMPTON . . . After an interval of eight years. Promoter Alex Griffiths staged a successful show topped with two welters that have appeared in and around The Midlands with success. Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 147¾, was awarded a close points victory over Boswell St Louis, Trinidad, 146¼, after a hard and gruelling eight. Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 133, and Colin Salcombe, Smethwick, fought an interesting draw in eight. . . . Tony Smith, Wolverhampton, 182, stopped Maxie Earle, Jamaica, 197¼, in the fifth, when the referee intervened.

Ron Gray, Walsall, 163¾, knocked out Barry Pawson, Lincoln, 165¾, in 1:34 of the first round. . . . Ernie Savoury, Dunstable, 119¾, outpointed Frank Spencer, Wolverhampton, 117½, in eight. . . . Maxie Smith, Wolverhampton, 160¾, made a successful debut with a points win over Moshood Balogun, Nigeria, 164, in six.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON . . . Brian Husband, Hull, 148, pluckily lasted out the eight hard fought rounds to gain a points win over Jim Daly, Canning Town, 148. In the last two rounds Husband was fought to a standstill, but weaved successfully and avoided all the blows to hear the last gong sound in his favor.

Dave George, Woking, 154¼, created a surprise in avenging a previous points defeat by turning the tables on Johnny Bowler, Luton, 156, in a cleverly fought six. . . . Hugh O'Neill, Bermondsey, 126½, formally from Eire, again demonstrated his punching ability by knocking out Aubrey Day, 125, of Kings Lynn, in the third. . . . Don Braithwaite, Caerphilly, 114½, outpointed Dave Johnson, Hendon, 118½, in six. Terry Tulley, Brighton, 135½, was a clear points winner over Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 135¼, in six. Kenny Thomas, Islington, 126½, stopped Al McCarthy, Romford, 124¾, in the fifth.

▶EBBW VALE . . . Phil Edwards, Welsh Middleweight Champion, 158¾, although not showing his usual spark, gained a points victory over Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 158½, in ten. . . . Howard Winstone, Merthyr Tydfil, 122¾, was too good for Joe Taylor, Leyland, 129½, and after the latter had taken considerable punishment, the referee D. S. Davies, wisely intervened in the fourth. Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 147¾, gained a points decision over Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 145¾, in a scrambling eight. . . . Johnny Thomas, Cardiff, 119, outpointed Johnny Barlow, Sheffield, 120, in six. . . . Tommy Williams, Cardiff, 131¾, outpointed Trevor Jenkins, Crumlin, 129¾, in six. . . . Johnny Davies, Cwm, 127, outpointed Don Lewis, Tredegar, 128, in four.

▶EMPIRE POOL, WEMBLEY . . . Come with me to a ringside seat amongst the 10,000 paying customers, to witness one of the most thrilling nights of Jack Solomons Promotions. Master of Ceremonies, Johnny Best, enters the ring at 7:30 p.m. to announce the opening bout between Brian Curvis, Swansea, 144, and Reg Fisher, Leyton, 147½, in which The Ex-Amateur Champion "Southpaw" Curvis showed his superiority over the game Fisher, and when the latter received a badly cut eye in the third, referee Tommy Little intervened in favor of Curvis.

Then we saw Freddie Tiedt, Dublin, 144¾, held to a draw by Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 146½, in six.

The house lights darken and searchlights point to the entrance where Mike Milligan, "Ringmaster," leads John O'Brien, Glasgow, 124¼, down the aisle to the well known fanfare of The Jack Solomons Promotions. The many Scots present gave their countryman a rousing reception as he entered the ring, but this was nothing to the reception that the popular "Baby Face" Terry Spinks, West Ham, 125, received when he got in. They were meeting over twelve rounds for the right to challenge Bobby Neill for the latter's British Featherweight Title.

After a little sparring in which both were looking for an opening, O'Brien shot a long right which connected on Spink's jaw and down goes the Londoner for a count of "nine." He rose unsteady, to battle out a hectic round, and at the gong, walked to a neutral opener. It looked like an early ending, but Terry came up fresh for the second session and held his own scoring with a combination of punches to the head and body.

If it was excitement that the fans wanted, then they were fully paid by both Spinks & O'Brien for in the ensuing rounds they went at it "hell for leather." . . . Referee Jack Hart is to be congratulated in saving a thrilling and hectic bout by his quick action, for in the ninth round The Scot was floored by a doubtful low punch near the border line. He helped the fallen O'Brien to his feet and administered a caution to Spinks who was now forced to fight, that is the word, in the fashion that the aggressive Scot wanted. The bout continued in the same hectic fashion with O'Brien lasting the better in the last two rounds to receive the referee's decision, and the right to meet Bobby Neill for the British Featherweight Title.

Again The Arena was darkened and the fanfare roared as Terry Downes, Paddington, 158½, entered the ring and performed his "antics" of prancing around hitting at an imaginary opponent to the roar of the crowd. . . . John "Cowboy" McCormack, 24-year-old Glasgow hosier, 160, also received a big ovation, for he was attempting to win back for Scotland after thirty-one years, The British Middleweight Title that Downes held.

As a Championship contest it was a farce. In the second round McCormack received slight cuts on both eyes and at the end of the round blood was streaming from his nose.

Dave Charnley, British and Empire lightweight champion who is matched for a world title bout with Joe Brown, stopped Belfast's Jimmy Brown in the eighth round at Streatham.

In the third the Scot scored with a left hook that put Downes on the deck. He rose at two and forced McCormack around the ring with his two-handed barrage that forced the challenger to take a count, and at the gong, it was a tired Scot who walked to his corner. In the fourth, Downes really went to town, four times McCormack was forced to take counts of "eight" and the end seemed to be in sight. Downes received his first caution from referee Ike Powell for hitting dangerously low, for he was too impetious to score a knockout on his retreating adversary.

In the sixth Downes connected with a hard right to the solar plexus in which McCormack was forced to take a "nine" count, the latter rose unsteadily and a right to the jaw followed by a left to the ribs and a right to the body sent the game Scot to the canvas once again, soon after Downes was again cautioned for a low delivery, and at the gong McCormack staggered to his corner. The Scot came out for the seventh refreshed and scored heavily but Downes floored McCormack for counts of "nine" and "eight," and at the end of the round it was seen that Downes was suffering from a cut on the right eye.

In the eighth, McCormack had his best round, for he was getting home with rights and lefts to what seemed to be a tiring Downes, all of a sudden the latter came to life and after a flurry of blows from Downes, referee Powell jumped between the men as McCormack was about to take another count and lifted Downes off his feet to order him to his corner, DISQUALIFIED. . . . From where I sat it seemed that Downes shot a right to the body and McCormack stepped back and received a "SPENT" punch, which there was no doubt went below the line. The blow cost Terry Downes his British Middleweight Title. Downes was a mile in front on points, having scored TEN KNOCKDOWNS, and the questions that every critic would like to know is: How many times MUST a boxer be down taking a count, before he is considered BEATEN. . . . If this is the true form of McCormack, then all I can say is that he proved a poor Champion.

If all this excitement was not enough for one night, then sit back for as in the words of The Late Al Jolson, when he went into song, "You Ain't Heard Nothing Yet". . . . The Trumpets call and into the ring comes Britain's outstanding challenger for World's Honors, Freddie Gilroy, Belfast, 120, and former World's Bantamweight Champion, Mario D'Agata, Italy, 119¼, to battle it out for ten rounds. . . . From the start Gilroy took the offensive with a volley of two-handed punching to The Italian's body. The contest was fought at close quarters throughout, with the young Irishman coming out well against an experienced fighter. . . . Gilroy suffered a cut over the left eye.

It was a thrilling bout and Gilroy, the younger by ten years, was a shade the better at the end of each round. He received referee Jack Hart's decision.

Neville Exford, Bermondsey, 149¼, having his first professional contest, outpointed a more experienced opponent in Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 148½, in six. In the next event, Johnny Kramer, West Ham, 145, made an impressive debut into the paid ranks with a three round win over Steve Richards, Bermondsey, 148¼, who retired after a one sided bout. In the final event, Tommy Gibbons, Hanwell, 177¼, well outpointed Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 177½, in a hard hitting six. . . . When the last gong went for the final event, it was then midnight.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, 144½, became the new Midlands Welterweight Champion, by virtue of a sixth round win over Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 147, who was forced to retire at the end of the round because of a badly cut eye. . . . Terry Edwards, Smethwick, 135½, and Brian Hunt, Anston, 141, fought a draw in six. Stan Bishop, Kidderminster, 142¾, in his first professional bout, took 1 min. 50 secs. of the first round to knock out Johnny Colclough, Birmingham, 140.

Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 169, outpointed Tommy Power, Nottingham, 168, in a hard-fought six. . . .Teddy Haynes, Birmingham, 158, knocked out Colin Aldridge, South Elmsall, 160, in the third. Pat McGarry, Birmingham, 159½, knocked out Richard North, Nottingham, 157, in the second. . . . Johnny O'Donnell, Birmingham, 125¾, knocked out Johnny Handford, Derby, 130½, in the second.

▶BEDFORD . . . Cliff Brown, Northampton, 137¼, narrowly outpointed Frank Bowling, Tottenham, 136½, in a thrilling eight. Al Bereti, Seven Dials, 161½, and Ted Buck, Nottingham, 162½, fought a gruelling six, with Bereti just a shade ahead. Referee Syd Nathan raised his hand as the winner, but the crowd thought otherwise. . . . Joe Somerville, 153¼, knocked out Charlie Fordham, Kings Cross, 152¾, in the third. . . . Dave Thomas, Camden Town, 150¾, stopped Ted Arthur, Maidstone, 135, in the fifth. . . . Ernie Cousins, West Ham, 147¼, outpointed Mick Power, Nottingham, 147¾, in six.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 146½, put in a storming finish in the last two rounds to win the decision of referee Harry Gibbs, against the colored Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 150, in eight thrilling rounds. Chris Elliott, Leicester, 126½, fought well to outpoint Roy Lake, Morden, 124¼, in six. . . . Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 150, easily outpointed Terry Lake, Morden, 153¼, in six. Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 137¾, defeated Tony Webster, Norwich, 134, in the second, when the latter was forced to retire at the end of the round, owing to a bad cut. . . . Johnny Arrow, Richmond, 137¾, outpointed Billy Elliott, Leicester, 134, in six. . . Eddie Donnelly, Coventry, 137, stopped Mickey Parrish, Thetford, 137, in the fifth, the referee intervening after the latter had taken several counts.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Dave Stone, Battersea, 136¾, boxing with restraint, gave one of his best performances in clearly outpointing Roger Prigent, France, 137¾, in eight.

I was greatly impressed with the showing of Bert Humphries, West Ham, 134¾, who was having his first professional bout against Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 129¾, who was knocked out in the third. . . . Johnny Kramer, Canning Town, 145¼, won his second paid contest in the first round against Les Platt, Barnsley, 145½. A straight left cut the latter's left eye badly, forcing the referee to intervene in his favor. Rarely have I seen two youngsters put so much right handers to work in the six round bout between Alan Palmer, Norwood, 129¾, and Ollie Wylie, Aberdeen, 126¼. The crowd was thrilled but referee Billy White saw fit to name a winner, and he raised the hand of Palmer. . . . Billy Walker, Kings Cross, 114¾, outfought Bernard Dillon, Bethnal Green, 114¾, in a hectic six. . . . Johnny "Butch" Davis, Bermondsey, 132, outpointed Len Harvey, Cardiff, 136, in a thrilling six.

▶It is with profound regret that I record the passing of Referee Stan Isles of Derby, who died at the age of fifty-five. Also the tragic death of "Shoeing Smith" Fred Davis, who fought all the best middles around the 1920 era. . . . "May Their Souls rest in peace."

ACTION AT ALBUQUERQUE
By Johnny Seubert

FIGHT RESULTS OF A CARD HELD AT THE STATE FAIR here on September 25, were as follows:—

Joe Brown, world's lightweight champ, 138, Baton Rouge, La., and Joe Parks, 136, Omaha, went the limit in a ten-round draw. The referee had it for Brown 99-93; one judge called it for Parks 98-95, and the third official called it 96-96 even. Final result: A draw decision.

In the semi-final Matt Jackson, 174, Houston, Tex., flattened Willie Cox, Lowry AFB, in 2:09 of the fifth.

Irving Thatch, 166, St. Louis, kayoed Wayne Strowbridge, 164, Colorado Springs, in 1:43 of round four.

Eddie Garcia, 133, kayoed Harvey Livingston, 136, Colorado Springs, on a cut eye in round three.

Art Sedillo, Las Vegas, 147, stopped Benny Montoya, Pueblo, Colo., 147, in 2:11 of round one.

Freddie Garcia, 167, Costilla, N. Mex., split-decisioned Billy McDonald, 165, Albuquerque.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

LOU GROSS WHO HAS SPENT ALL HIS LIFE IN BOXING, is now living in the Twin Cities.

Jack Raleigh, St. Paul Boxing Promoter, is planning several fight cards for the fall and winter season.

Emmett Weller, St. Paul Boxing manager, has in his Heavyweight Champion of Minnesota, Jim Hegerle, 175, the best attraction appearing on Raleigh's cards in St. Paul.

BOXING IN OKLAHOMA
By Robert Johnson

DONNIE WARD, 182, TULSA, WON A TEN round decision over Alvin Williams, 184, Oklahoma City.

Al Franklin, 126, Oklahoma City, stopped Red Holt, 126, Tulsa, in the ninth round. Hubert Jackson, 147, Wichita, won a six round decision over Chuck Midget, 146, Tulsa.

Lee Hearn, 134, Tulsa, won a four round decision over Kenny Young, 130, Oklahoma City. Bobby Martin, 126, Sand Springs, Okla., stopped Don Ritz, 125, Tulsa, in the fourth.

Donnie Fleeman, 180, of Dallas, stopped Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 177, of Tyler, in the fifth.

Don Tucker, 200, Tyler, Texas, stopped Johnny Burch, 180, of Oklahoma City, in the fifth of a scheduled sixer.

Rip Randell, 140, Tyler, Texas, stopped Chuck Midget, 147, Tulsa, in the third round.

Joe Mitchel, 160, of Oklahoma City, stopped Joe Bush, 160, Tulsa, in the third round.

In the best fight of the night, Al Franklin, 126, won a cleancut decision over Lee Hearne, 135, of Tulsa.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

BOXING ACTION IN ARIZONA is centered around Tucson, where on September 17, Aztequita Sonorense, 118, Hermosillo, won a close decision over Frankie Duarte, 119, Nagales, in 10 rounds. In a six-round bout, Johnny Hunter, 147, Tucson, battled to a draw with Harold Hutchinson, 146, Phoenix. In fours, Joe Camacho of Tucson stopped Larry Baker, Phoenix in the first round; Bob Mustard, 160, Tucson, stopped Rex King, 158, Phoenix, in one; Bob Avery of Tucson, won a decision over Keet Montijo of Tombstone, the "Town too tough to die," and Al Andrews, Phoenix, decisioned Neal Danner of Chandler.

▶**A GOOD CROWD** saw action at Tucson last August 13, with Manny Elias, 120, winning a 10-rounder over Oney Mingus, 119, Manila. Joe Alfaro stopped Joe Williams, in four rounds. Both are 147 pounders. Bob Avery, 182, Tucson, copped a decision over Frank Hernandez, 216, Tucson, in four; and Bob Mustard, 160, Tucson, stopped Ralph Rillos, 159, Tucson, in two.

▶**IN OTHER RING NEWS,** Zora Folley stopped a respectable Monroe Ratliff in 2 at San Diego. Zora is looking terrific. Curley Lee, the Arizona Golden Glover is now being called a West Coast sensation. Eddie Saint, the clever banty showed well with world's banty champ Jose Becerra at El Paso. Roque Proano, Ring's Prospect of the Month, is ready to move into big time. He is undefeated in 18 fights. This writer's new address is 702 John L. Sullivan St., Miami, Arizona.

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TOMMY GIBBONS

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the trials for the kidnaping of William Hamm and Edward Bremer," Tommy recalls.

"Through one of my guards, Bob Gibbons, one of Mike's sons, Barker sent word to me he would appreciate having a bath tube installed in his cell.

"The strange request aroused my curiosity so I visited Barker. As I approached his cell I noticed Doc going through a strenuous session of calisthenics which Bob explained to me was a regular routine several times daily. Asked why he should be provided with a bathtub, a privilege denied all prisoners, Barker replied:

" 'I'm keeping in tiptop shape, Sheriff, and you know after working up a good sweat, a fellow needs a bath. I know I am going to be sent to Alcatraz and I know I'll have to be in top condition to swim the bay from the Rock to Frisco after I make my escape.

" 'If you are a betting man, Sheriff, lay a few bucks on my making good.' "

"Needless to say, I didn't furnish Barker's cell with a bathtub, but he did break out of Alcatraz only to be shot to death in the water as he started to swim the bay."

Tommy has some definite ideas concerning boxing. He believes most young pugilists of the present time are rushed too fast by avaricious managers.

"I have seen many promising young boxers ruined because unscrupulous managers are too eager to make quick money with them," declares Tommy. *"They have youngsters fighting tough, seasoned opponents before they have mastered the first rudiments of defensive and offensive tactics.*

"Young boxers should be tutored and trained for at least a year by a competent combination instructor-trainer before being pitted against professional rivals. All too many are overmatched against rivals with whom they lack the experience to make a showing.

"The tragic part is a boy who might go a long way with proper handling is battered into a physical and mental wreck before he knows what the boxing business is all about."

None of Tommy's seven sons went in for boxing on a competitive basis.

"I would have granted the boys permission to box had they so desired," says Tommy, *"but they preferred other forms of athletics. Boxing was very good to me and the sport will always have my best wishes."*

While Gibbons believes some of todays top fighters are *"just as good"* as some of the boxing immortals of his day, he thinks more are not *"just because they won't work and stay in condition."*

Five miles roadwork is too tough for some of them, it seems, says Gibbons. *"They give in to the temptation to take it easy and fool nobody but themselves."*

Gibbons tells young hopefuls that the fight business is a gamble and they must spend all their time working hard to keep in proper condition if they want to remain on top. They cannot prepare for another career at the same time that they are trying to reach the heights in the fistic field. ● **END**

TITLE MUDDLES CAN HELP

(Continued from page 11)

The NBA was still going along with Hostak, who lost the title to Solly Krieger, and then regained it from Krieger in a return bout.

Phelan relented and the New York Commission recognized a fight between Apostoli and Young Corbett III as for the world middleweight title. Apostoli knocked out Corbett, a former welterweight champion, to win a share of the middleweight crown.

He in turn lost it to Garcia, who lost it to Ken Overlin. Overlin lost it to Billy Soose, who retired. Hostak was still the NBA middleweight champion, but he proved an easy victim when confronted by Tony Zale, the man of steel.

Zale, after knocking out Hostak, gained recognition in New York by defeating Georgie Abrams. The muddle was over. The middleweight title was clear.

It remained that way until 1952, the year of Robinson's first retirement. Sugar Ray, having relinquished the welterweight crown to rule in the middleweight division, aspired to equal Henry Armstrong's feat of winning three titles. His bid for the light-heavyweight championship failed when he was stopped by Joey Maxim and the heat in 14 rounds.

Robinson quit the ring to do dancing, but there was no real muddle. Randy Turpin, ex-world champion, representing England, was defeated by Bobo Olson. The New York Commission, the NBA and the European Boxing Union all agreed Bobo was the world champion.

When his career as a dancer did not prosper, Robinson returned. This was in 1955, and before the year was over Sugar Ray was champ again. It took him only two rounds to knock out Bobo. Of course Olson had to have a return bout. This time he lasted four rounds.

Robinson lost the title to Fullmer, regained it from Fullmer; lost it again to Basilio and regained it from Basilio. This covered a two year period ending with the second Basilio fight.

Fullmer, who had received a written promise, not from Robinson but from Promoter Jim Norris, that he would get a chance to regain the title, had been side tracked. Now it was Basilio's turn.

At first Robinson could not fight Basilio until after the first of the year. Too much taxes he said.

Then his ambition to win a third title was revived. Sugar Ray wanted to fight Archie Moore, the world light-heavyweight champion.

The financial arrangements, with Sugar Ray to get the big end, didn't suit Mr. Moore. He went off to Montreal and knocked out Yvon Durelle.

Basilio then challenged Robinson. The New York Commission ordered Sugar Ray to accept. When he failed to do so they ordered him to show cause why he should not forfeit the title.

Robinson went to court for a restraining order. He didn't get it, and a long hearing before the Commission followed. In the end Sugar Ray was allowed to keep the title on the pretext Basilio would not accept an offer from a Philadelphia group. He was offered $225,000 by Irving Kahn, president of TelePrompTer, a closed circuit TV outfit.

Here the NBA acted, taking the title away from Robinson, and designating Fullmer and Basilio to fight for it. As a result Fullmer is now the NBA champion.

Thus Fullmer will defend his N.B.A. title on December 4 against Spider Webb and Sugar Ray in turn is getting ready to defend his New York and Massachusetts world title against Paul Pender, a fireman, in Boston.

At least Pender is supposed to be getting a chance, and that is all for the best. Eventually Webb is going to get a shot.

The middleweights are in a muddle, a more or less natural state for the 160-pounders. There have been similar situations in other classes of course. A most recent one was in the featherweights, caused by Sandy Saddler's retirement, but the title was quickly cleared by an elimination tournament, won by Hogan (Kid) Bassey, a Nigerian. Since then Bassey has lost the title to Davey Moore.

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MOBILE, ALA. BOXING NEWS
By Art Drago

MOBILE WELTERWEIGHT Guy Sumlin scored his 19th victory in 21 pro fights and stretched his current win streak to four here when he stopped Clarence Cook of Bastrop, La., in seven rounds.

Boasting only a slim edge in the scoring after five rounds, Sumlin dropped his foe twice in the sixth heat. The bell saved Cook on the second knockdown and he lasted only 55 seconds in the seventh stanza when he visited the canvas twice.

The Sumlin-Cook feature was one of two cards staged here during September. Topping the other card September 21 was a 10-rounder between local welters Calvin Chapman and Cheffy Reyna. Chapman gained a unanimous decision.

The semifinal on the September 28 card, scheduled for eight rounds, saw tough Tony DuPlessis of New Orleans get a TKO win over Chapman when the Mobile battler was not allowed to continue after five rounds because of a badly cut eye. The abbreviated battle was a bruising affair.

There were two fine preliminaries. William Crosby, 145, stopped Eddie Lewis, 150, New Orleans, in third round of a scheduled four-rounder. Percy Pugh, 134, classy New Orleans fighter, gained an easy decision over Sam Davis, 132, also of New Orleans.

▶ The September 21 card included four supporting bouts. DuPlessis stopped Jimmy Skeen, Panama City, in the third round of a scheduled four-rounder. In other fours, Freddie Griffith, New Orleans welter, decisioned Josh O'Neal also of New Orleans; Crosby got the nod over Al Franklin, New Orleans and Pugh was the winner by decision over Tommy Hayes, New Orleans.

▶ As this story is filed promoter Tom Nelson has plenty of activity in store for local fans during the fall and early winter. Boxing will move indoors and Nelson said that he had four or five more cards in the offing before the end of the year.

Also in the planning stage is the first local fight to be nationally televised. If present plans materialize the show will be staged January 6, the week of the Senior Bowl football game here and will be a feature of the American Broadcasting Company's Wednesday Night Fight series.

PELICAN PUNCHERS
By Bill McIntyre

NORTH LOUISIANA'S BOXING ACTIVITY WENT INTO AN eclipse during the month of August after scaling the heights in July. Monroe failed to produce a single show, Shreveport slumped back into a decline and Alexandria was struck by adverse weather conditions.

Promoter Art Visconte at Alexandria did try to stage two productions, following his successful Tony Dupas-Paddy DeMarco promotion, but rainstorms washed them out—including a topnotch skirmish between Ralph Dupas of New Orleans and Clarence Cook of Bastrop.

The only professional card across the Northern part of the state was a benefit show at Bastrop in which Cook outpointed veteran Al Boudreau of New Orleans over 10 rounds and "Irish" Johnny McKoin of Bastrop flattened Gypsy Gomez of Houston in 2 heats.

Jena, in central Louisiana, came up with an all-star amateur show, the first fistic enterprise in that locale for at least 25 years.

Shreveport's prospects of obtaining outstanding swingers such as Buddy Turman, Willie Pastrano and Donnie Fleeman during the fall season are bright at the moment. But more on that next month.

SOUTH CAROLINA BOXING
By Al Ballard

BOXING IN GREENVILLE, S. C. WAS ALMOST KILLED AT ITS offset on Sept. 17, when Ralph Schneider, 235, of Miami, Fla. turned in a "flop" performance in his scheduled 10-rounder with Pete Rademacher, 199, of Columbus, Ga. before a paid crowd of 2,466 fans.

However, a brilliant supporting card and the presence of former world heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, coupled with this city's admiration of Rademacher, saved the night.

It was the first professional fight to be held in this city in nearly six years, and the pulse of the fight population made itself visible in the gross of more than $5,000.

Schneider, fat and poorly conditioned, acted as a punching bag for the trim Rademacher during the three rounds that the fight lasted.

When the bell rang to open the fourth stanza, Referee Marciano announced that Schneider was unable to continue because of an injured hand.

Tough Dan Vandiford, 196, of Spartanburg, locked horns with Gene Mann, 193, of Augusta, Ga. in a toe-to-toe slugfest, the cheers of the crowd bringing down the house. The eight-round draw verdict of the judges satisfied all.

One of the most brilliant, young lightweight prospects around, Eddie Beattie, 138, of Miami, Fla., took only three rounds to dispose of Billy Barber, 136, of Columbus, Ga.

Joe Lewis Adams, 193, of Rock Hill, lived up to all previous billing in his first professional fight, firing aright hand that floored Luther Taylor, 190, of Augusta, Ga., early in the fourth round. Taylor remained unconscious for nearly eight minutes.

June Payne, 146, of Charlotte, N. C., won on a TKO over Rock Hill's Charley Johnson, 150, in the first round. Charles Guyton, 156, also of Rock Hill, stopped Jerry Keeter, 160, of Charlotte, in the third.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

It's unusual to have two such ring celebrities as Rocky Marciano and Ingemar Johansson in town within the space of six weeks. But that's just what happened to the New Orleans beat.

The ever-popular Marciano, who gave up his heavyweight title without losing a single pro fight, attended the National Convention of the Fraternal Order of Police held in the Roosevelt hotel in mid-August. Rocky, a member of the national lodge, was sponsored here by a national magazine. Marciano was one of the guest speakers.

Henry Hank, 159, the Detroit knockout sensation who carries his personal H-bomb in his left hook, got closer to a Ring middleweight rating when he stopped Neal Rivers, 163, in 2:10 of the fourth round on Monday, Sept. 7, in Municipal Auditorium.

The fight, scheduled for 12 rounds, featured the Labor Day afternoon program promoted by the New Orleans Boxing Club—a holiday card revived by Promoter Harry Frisch and Matchmaker Lou Messina. It was another successful venture, despite the fact that only 1800 fans paid $5,148 to attend. Hank's kayo was his second over the seasoned Rivers, the only fighter to stop the Las Vegas fighter on two occasions.

"Hammerin' Hank" dropped Rivers with a right to the jaw in the second round for a mandatory eight count, and after giving Neal a good beating in the third, dropped him in the fourth with a left hook. Rivers took the full count of Referee Frederick Adams while resting on one knee. He jumped up following the count, but it was too late. Fans, as well as Rivers' handlers, protested the decision, but there was no doubt that the third man in the ring gave the beaten Rivers the full count.

Ted "Kayo" Donald, 207 pound protege of Johnny Fisse, made quick work of Paul Favorite, 186, in one of a quartet of four rounders on the card. Donald gave his foe such a beating after dropping him in the first round, that the referee stopped it in 1:05 of the second round.

Don Reed of Detroit won a split decision over Percy Puigh in another four. Reed, 136¼, had too much class for the local lad who weighed 137. Only in the third round did Puigh have a margin over Don.

Roger Watkins, a punishing middleweight, scored an easy victory over Joshua O'Neil. Watkins, 148 to 151 for O'Neil, dropped the latter with a left hook in the first round. In the third, Watkins let go with a punch that landed on the border line. O'Neil went down, but the referee refused to count. Instead, he gave Joshua a brief rest. When the fight was resumed, Watkins continued to pound his foe until the final bell. It was a unanimous decision.

Al Franklin, 147¼, and Hillary Herbert, 151¾, got the card off to a good start in the opening four. It was a free-swinging affair with both boys driving in some potent punches. Franklin was the winner, however.

BOGALUSA, La.—Freddie Little, 151, the Dillard University student and member of Whitey Esneault's stable of fighters, captured the Southern middleweight title here on Monday, Sept. 14, when he defeated the defending champion, Ernie Burford, 156, of Memphis, Tenn., in 10 hotly contested rounds. While the decision was unanimous, Little had to come from behind with rallies in the last three rounds to gain the nod, since the tabs of the three officials favored Little by one round.

Burford won the Southern crown two months earlier when he defeated Charley Joseph in 10 rounds in the Coliseum arena, New Orleans.

It was the first professional fight staged in Bogalusa in many years. Under the promotion of the Bogalusa Lions Club, the gate reached $3,000, with approximately 1600 fans in attendance. Little dropped his opponent in the tenth round, the most thrilling round of the night. But Burford jumped up without a count and for the remainder of the battle it was nip-and-tuck.

Jimmy Scott of New Orleans, 173, defeated Dick White, Bogalusa, 170, in one of the four rounders. In another four, "Speedy" Allen whipped Johnny Little. Allen weighed 130 pounds, Little 132.

The best prelim saw Walter Lea, New Orleans, 152, whipping Roger Watkins, 151, in an action packed four-rounder.

THIS 'N THAT:—Emile Bruneau, secretary of the Louisiana State Boxing Commission, was honored by the National Boxing Association at the organization's annual convention at Toronto recently when that body appointed Emile to the executive committee. An authority on the sport for many years, we think Bruneau readily deserves the honor. Congratulations! Whitey Esneault, dean of local fight managers, now has two "champions" in his stable, mythical as they may be. Ralph Dupas won the Southern welterweight title and a gold belt to boot when he whipped Mel Barker, the Texas titleholder, in 12 rounds, while Freddie Little uncrown Ernie Burford of Memphis for the Southern middleweight championship at Bogalusa, La.

Jimmy Kilshaw, boxing promoter at Baton Rouge, La., staged another all-star ring card in the VFW Hall on Thursday, September 24. Frankie Savoie, a veteran lightweight under the Whitey Esneault banner, was kayoed by Curt Davis, Baton Rouge, in the fourth round in the main event. . . .

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

▶ **FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** if you want to go by his television tilt with game Gaspar Ortega, could easily be the most exciting, colorful fighter in the sport today.

▶ All TViewers were pleased with his performance with Gaspar Ortega at Miami Beach. It was Ortega's ability to take punishment and fight that made the bout an outstanding one.

Fernandez, with 16 straight kayoes out of 19 and three decision wins in an all-total of 22 bouts, sought to take Ortega out early with effective blows. He dropped Ortega for an eight-count knockdown. Ortega fought back well until the fourth when another visit to the canvas almost spelled his finish. From then on it was nip-and-tuck with Fernandez displaying the heavier artillery. For his 23rd consecutive win, Florentino tipped 146½, and Ortega, 145¾. Referee Cy Gottfried voted 97-90; Judge Fred Aaronson, 97-91; and Judge Gus Jaconson, 96-93, all in the Cuban's favor. Promoter Chris Dundee was overjoyed for once.

▶ Ike Vaughn, 140, was unimpressive after a three month lay-off but scored unanimously in 10 rounds over Tom Dennis, 137, bringing booes from the folks. James (Georgia Kid) Bussey, reversed a decision against him but taking Sam Spade in a middleweight sixer. Vince Bonomo bested Ray Sheppard in another middleweight sixer. Lightweights Silky Shelton and Eddie Agin went to a draw.

▶ Tampa added more life into Florida boxing by staging a card on September 28th, featuring Larry Boardman, 139½, former ranking lightweight now living in St. Petersburg. His opponent was Cecil Courtney, 142¼, of Oklahoma City, and Larry won in 10 rounds.

▶ Irish Jimmy Brady, noted lightweight of the 1920's, staged a show in Hollywood, Florida and hopes to continue. In the top tilt, Vince Bonomo won a six rounder from Ray Sheppard. They are middleweights. Pablo Caripedes took a featherweight six from Bobby Williams. Rocky Grace kayoed Aaron Peoples in the first of a 175-pounders clash. Ed Fobbs won a welterweight four from Jim Beasley, and Josh Thomas scored a four round decision over Perfecto Garcia, both lightweights.

▶ Pete Rademacher tried and Calvin Butler wouldn't, thus the 10 round match between the two heavyweights turned out to be a very dull "show", at Miami Beach for Promoter Chris Dundee, September 29. For Pete, it was his third straight win after having lost his first two pro bouts. The winner, from Columbus, Georgia, weighed 198½. He dropped Butler for an eight count in the third with a left hook and in later rounds shook him several times. The loser, 197¼, from Cleveland, suffered his 13th loss (10 wins). The attendance was poor.

Referee Jimmy Peerless voted 99-93; Judge Barry Pearlman, 99-91, and Judge Eddie Thal, 99-92, all for Pete. Freddie Blades, 178¼, won the 10-semi from Bobby (Bulldog Drummond) Stininato, 175¼,. Willie Mack, 173, beat Johnny Pew, 175¼, in eight. Perfecto Garcia, 133, won by a TKO in four when Jimmy Cortez, 137, injured a hand and couldn't go on. Dan Toriano stopped Walter Adams, in two heats. (Garcia's win is over Jimmy Cortez or Jimmy Lopez).

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

Wallingford's Oakdale Theatre, a summer playhouse tent was the scene of Connecticut's latest boxing show, promoted for charity by Don Hanauer. In the feature of 10 rounds, Al St. John, 171, of New Rochelle was opposed by veteran Jimmy Garcia, 181, Puerto Rico and New York City. St. John, a potential threat in lightheavy weight ranks, had little difficulty in outpointing the overweight Garcia. Referee Max Muravnick scored the one-sided bout 50 to 42, with eight rounds in favor of St. John and calling two even.

In the semi-final, George Ross, 140½, Hartford, gained a surprise eight-round verdict over Al King, 138½, Bristol. Although the aggressor throughout, King was cleanly outpointed by Ross, in a good, hard fight. In the best fight of the night, Anselmo Castillo, 126, Puerto Rico, gained the nod over Hartford's Carmelo Acevedo, 124. It was a slam bang six-round affair.

In the opening contest, a crowd pleaser, Pablo Lopez, 127, New York City, won the decision over Jackie Horn, 127, New Haven, in four rounds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

Buffalo used to be one of the greatest fight centers in the country but today the boxing game is at low ebb due to the scarcity of talent throughout Western New York. Promoter Pedro Martinez staged a half dozen shows last season but made no money. Pedro's shows were lively but good matches are hard to get.

Dewey Michaels, owner of the Fairview club is not too sanguine about the boxing picture. He says he would renew his license if a couple of good matches were available.

One of Buffalo's best prospects is young Jackie Donnelly of South Buffalo. He is now under the management of veteran Joe Netro who handles Carmen Basilio.

▶**HERE AND THERE** . . . Junior Singer ran a number of summer shows in nearby Canada but does not figure on promoting in Buffalo. He says the overhead is too costly. Singer is operating Buffalo's largest gym at 338 Washington street. Junior reports that many good amateurs are training at his emporium. . . . Bert Finch, the dean of Buffalo fight managers visited Lockport Jimmy Duffy at Buffalo's Veteran's Hospital last month. Duffy has been ill for several years.

▶**PRESS ROW** . . . Jack Laing keeps boosting boxing in his column in the Courier-Express. He has given most of the old timers good notices in his pillar. . . . Charlie Bailey, once a sports writer on the old Buffalo Times is doing well as sports director for Radio Station WEBR.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

Len Matthews, Philadelphia lightweight contender, scored a unanimous victory over Paulie Armstead, California, in a 10-round bout at the arena. Matthews revenged a split and controversial decision in the hands of Paulie at the latter's home grounds last January. Len, 133¾, got into the lead after the fourth round and later had enough steam to beat off a belated rally by Armstead, 133, Los Angeles. This was Matthews' fifth straight win.

In an unusual ring verdict, Eddie Woods, 145¾, and Al Milone, 155 pounder New Yorker with a clownish style, bloodied each other so severely with cuts that the ringside physician ordered their brawl halted at the end of the fifth round. It was announced by a boxing commission deputy as a "no contest decision", which in our book means both principals were thrown out of the ring for stalling. Commissioner Alfred Klein later reversed it to read "double technical knockout". This is one for Nat Fleischer to figure out on each man's record.

Don Warner, 185-pound local "shotgun", punched his way out of a hot fight with Dan Logan, 200, Paterson, N. J., with three solid left hooks in the second round of a semi-windup eight. Warner is the hottest heavyweight prospect to come out of Philly in a long time.

Mel Middleton, 130½, Philadelphia, had it tough until he got his bearings with Steve Haywood, 131, Baltimore, in a six round bout. Middleton bears watching.

Danny Livingston, 134, Trenton, N. J., outslugged Tom Lowry, 129, Philadelphia, in the four rounder.

The show was held by the Devorah Hospital Annual Benefit Show in which Jack Puggy holds forth as matchmaker.

In the season's opening show at the Cambria Club, Ray Lancaster, 147, Spartanburg, S. C., rallied after a slow beginning and TKO'd Sailor Whitey Porr, 151, New York City, in the seventh round. Lancaster, now making his home in Philly, opened up in the fourth round after Porr had cut Ray's right eye in the third. When Porr was being hit freely in the seventh round, Referee Joe Sweeney stepped in and halted the bout.

In other bouts: Danny Livingston, 134, Trenton, decisioned Leroy Howard, 134, Philadelphia (6). Joe Melito, 130, Philadelphia, decisioned Fred Clifton, 133, Wilmington, Del., (4). Walter Wallace, 135½, Philadelphia, decisioned Paul Waters, 137, Wilmington (4). Herb Leguins, 140½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Bobby Meares, 142½, in the fourth. Dave Deshields, 162, Wilmington, decisioned Ike Clements, 162, Philadelphia, (4).

Carl Hubbard, 145, Philadelphia, is still unbeaten as a pro when he won in a ten-round bout over Chicago's Eddie Perkins, 142½, at the Alhambra Boxing Club. This was Promoter Jimmy Riggio's first show at the old downtown movie house. Hubbard had to rally in the late rounds to preserve his unbeaten record.

In the preliminaries, Manager George Katz showed his new welterweight, Stanley (Kitten) Hayward, 148, Philadelphia. Hayward scored a one round knockout over Jimmy Johnson, 149, Philadelphia. This is Hayward's second victory as a pro.

Frankie Taylor, 136, Philadelphia, TKO'd John Austin, 133, Philadelphia, in the first round. Jersey Joe Medley, 160½, Blackwood, N. J., stopped Tony Romano, 157½, Philadelphia, in the second, and Dick Young, 160, Philadelphia, TKO'd James Pratt, 168, Philadelphia, in the first.

Veteran manager Frank Forgione is singing the praise of his new heavyweight prospect, Joe Kardoley, an eighteen-year-old lad who has yet to make his debut as a pro.

Three clubs are now operating in Philadelphia. Herman Taylor, veteran promoter on a big-scale, Ralph Graziano, The Cambria A. C., and Jimmy Riggio, at the new Alhambra Boxing Club.

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PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies & Lou Caponi

PITTSBURGH PROMOTER BEN ANOLIK MOVED HIS operations to nearby Steubenville (Ohio) where he presented a five bout card, headed by heavyweights Billy Besmanoff, Milwaukee and Marty Marshall, Detroit. The show was held at Harding Stadium.

Besmanoff, seemingly in much better condition than his Motor City foe, breezed in with a fairly easy win. The German decked Marshall for eight counts in both the fifth and tenth frames.

Eddie Brant, Dayton welterweight, who has been around for many a moon, defeated Willie Cooper, of Wheeling in a sixer. Tony Christy, 132, Pittsburgh, scored a six round decision over Dencil Oldaker, 138, Steubenville.

Jim O'Connell, Steubenville heavy, easily stopped sub Patrick Murray in 55 seconds of the opening canto. Joe Stevenson, 168, Steubenville, making his pro debut (he must be quite a prospect) upset Tom Tannas' good middleweight Charley McCreary, Youngstown, in four heats. McCreary had won 12 straight since coming out of the Army.

Former world's welter king, Fritzie Zivic, appeared as a guest referee on the show.

▶We thought that boxing on barges had gone back into pages of fistic history. But this isn't the case. Possibly the last show ever to be held under these conditions took place in Pittsburgh on September 16, with Benny Anolik promoting the show.

The card was held on a barge and stage set up at the mouth of the Ohio river, at a junction which is known as The Point.

Bobby Gordon, Charleroi, state champion, defended his crown against Al Hauser, Philly, in a 12 round scrap. Gordon, who originally hails from Huntington, W. Va., breezed in with his second victory over Hauser.

Tony Christy, 132, Hill District, scored a kayo over veteran Ray Powell, 130, Aliquippa, in the seventh round. Powell was down twice before taking the count, and Christy was decked in the second.

Tommy Schaffer, 138, North Side, whacked out Bobby Spencer, 136, Warren, Ohio, in the first round. Joe Stevenson, 172, Steubenville, and Nick Synan, 176, Garfield, boxed a four round draw.

Alex Ford, 175, Youngstown, stiffened Kenny Griggs, 175, Warren, in three.

The show grossed $4,705, which kept promoter Anolik in the winning column.

Scrappy little bantamweight from Weirton, Walt Ingram, is now boxing on the West Coast. Ingram holds wins over Pappy Gault, Willie Parker, Charley DeBow, and many others of note.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lew Eskin

THE OUTDOOR SEASON CAME TO A CLOSE BEFORE A CROWD of over 1,000 fans at Jersey City High School Field. A threat of rain, which did come down in the last round of the main bout, held down the size of the crowd, but those on hand were rewarded with an action-filled evening's entertainment.

In the main bout Jersey City's latest fistic pride Marcel Bizien, had a "bit of luck" gaining Referee Joey Harrison's nod over willing Tommy Pacheco of Puerto Rico. Marcel staged a slam-bang finish but it did not seem enough to off-set the first five round margin piled up by Pacheco. The vote was 5-3 for Bizien who scaled 138 in winning his sixth straight, against 136¼ for Pacheco.

The semi-final was called off when Sammy Jordan's opponent did not show up at the weigh-in and the commission refused to okay a sub at that late time.

All of the fours were action-filled with Lash Sherman, 136, Newark, and Tom Welstead, 141½, Matawan, battling to another draw; Ornee Jackson, 142, Newark, again beat Mike Shanley, 142, Jersey City, but this time got the verdict. Jimmy Lynn, 147, Newark, whipped Julio Vadi, 147, Jersey City, and Marty Pettiford, 159½, Rahway, got off the deck to turn back Joe Weaver, 159½, Jersey City. It was Joe's pro debut and he showed good punching power but was very green. Mickey Greb shared the third man's duties—Harrison.

Promoter Dom Bufano plans on running again next month in Union City's State Gardens.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

THE indoor season opened up in grand style with activity in all parts of the Continent, though few programs were of outstanding importance were staged. European title changed hands when Luukkonen snatched the flyweight bauble from Young Martin, thereby giving Scandinavian boxing another shot in the arm.

Gustav Scholz retained his position as one of the world's best middleweights by trouncing Johnny Halafihi, top-ranking lightheavy, his grip on the European crown will not be secure, however, until he has disposed of the Magyar Menace and Laszlo Papp, who also bounced back into the limelight with a kayo win.

Galiana has finally settled accounts with his old bogey, Bobby Ros, and can now set forth in search of Signor Loi and Monsieur Godih. Wim Snoek is off on his travels again and is now campaigning in distant Peru, with some success. Here are the results:

Helsinki, Finland—Tenacity pays dividends, it seems. For promoter Elis Ask that's true, anyway, for Elis has battled through rather stormy seas in this current Year of Grace. He has faced financial setbacks, mutiny among his team of fighters, a crushing entertainment tax, and finally succeeded in his primary aim—to capture another European title for Finland. It was Elis himself who reigned as lightweight champ some years ago, the first to emerge from the Land of a Thousand Lakes. He returned to boxing a couple of years ago and he and his group have worked hard to produce the present crackerjack line-up of fighters.

As prophesied by this writer, Risto Luukkonen proved too complete a warrior for Martin to overwhelm by powerhouse tactics. The Finn was in no way embarrassed by Martin's southpaw stance and counter-punched to great effect, dropping the Spaniard in the first round. Thenceforth, Martin was careful in his moves and Luukkonen gained the initiative. For all that, it was a close fight with the Finn gaining the edge by a narrow margin. Risto Luukkonen is no chicken, he's 28, but this was only his eleventh pro start. He won 176 out of 200 amateur bouts and now has an eye on the World Title.

Pekka Kokkonen, 171, stopped Uwe Janssen of Hamburg in the fifth round after dropping the Teuton twice, although Pekka himself was down for a brief count in the second heat.

Another German, Karl Wagner, did much better against Osmo Laaksonen, who at 154, had an eight-round pull in the weights. Wagner won clearly over six rounds. Pentti Rautiainen blasted the hopes of the Hungarian refugee, Tivador Balogh, stopping him in the third round of a feathers encounter. Attendance was 12,000.

Madrid, Spain—The eternal rivalry of the two national lightweight stars, Bobby Ros and Fred Galiana, reached a new peak when Guizani Rezgui, who recently trounced Galiana in no uncertain fashion, was himself outpointed by the tough Bobby Ros. It was their third meeting. Rezgui had previously won over Ros and they had also shared a decision. It was a close one this time, too, but the judges figured blond Bobby had done enough to grab the verdict.

Manolo Garcia had his work cut out in obtaining the decision against Sergio Milan of Italy in a feathers ten, while Luis Folledo nodded Ali ben Bechir, Tunis, in a welter eight. Jose Hernandez, former feathers star, nodded Tito Gomez of Argentina in a disputable lightweight eight.

Torrelavega, Spain—Abd ben Buker II, ruling welter champ, was held to a draw over ten rounds here by local comer Jose Ungidos.

At **Las Palmas**, Kimbo Calderin upset another champ, bantam king Antonio Diaz, by lacing him in a non-title ten.

At **Valencia**, Manolo Correa bested Francesco Ortega in a middles eight.

Essen, Germany—All good things come to an end and so it was for Rudi Langer, who has been top man among Germany's smaller fighters for these many years. A very poor attendance of 3,000 saw a first-class battle for the lightweight title between Langer and challenger Conny Rudhoff. For a long time Langer succeeded in keeping his man at range but Rudhoff was gradually wearing the veteran down and had him in trouble during the eighth. Langer was floored by combination of body punches in the ninth and rose just one second too late. Despite protests, Rudhoff is the new champ after 19 pro starts, two of which he lost—to Langer and Duilio Loi. Aged 25, Rudhoff can still make his mark.

Hans Ducree, 173, outfought Wenzel Bociek for four rounds until he stung him too hard with the result that Bociek cut loose and hammered Hans for the last couple of heats but too late to stop Ducree winning on points.

Karl Wagner drew with Karl-Heinz Rauen in a welter six, Joe Buck nodded Si Mohamed in a feathers eight, and Fritz Rings, 122, trimmed Wolfgang Bohnert, in six.

Alghero, Italy—Salvatore Burruni, current flyweight champ, in his latest outing trounced Santos Seoane, workman-like Spanish battler. The bout was fought at a furious pace and when the Spaniard was dropped for "8" in the tenth round, Burruni had no energy to follow it up. Mario Altana, Sardinian cruiser, surprisingly stopped Garcia Hidalgo, also of Spain, after only one and a half rounds of fighting.

At **Pesaro**, Geppino Gentiletti regained lost ground by decisioning the tough Yugoslav, Nick Maric, in a middles ten, while Bacchiani laced oft-defeated Brahim Kettani in a welter eight.

Tunis, North Africa—Guizani Rezgui has hitherto been a prophet in his own country. Since his successes in France and Spain, however, he was invited to box before his own public. Rezgui found Ray Paini a very convenient offering and whipped the Italian veteran handily over ten rounds while Ali ben Hamada gained a disputed duke from Osvaldo Gerosa, Italian lightie.

Madrid, Spain—Luis Gomez, newest flyweight prospect, looked to have it easy enough against Henri Schmid of France. Gomez was doing well enough until in round three, he ran into a right counter from the Frenchman which floored him. The gong interrupted the count but after a brief exchange of blows in the fourth round, Gomez raised an arm in sign of defeat. Even Schmid was amazed. Gomez had his purse withheld by the Federation.

Antonio Ramos decisioned Jose Crespo in a whirling feathers eight and Clemente Diaz nodded Jose Sauret in a bantam six.

Corunna, Spain—Fred Galiana continued to make up for lost time in the next stage of his barnstorming tour. He tangled with Cyprien Carrie here, up in the extreme northwest of Spain and battered the Parisian to such extent that Carrie retired during the seventh round.

Domingo Lopez won a very debatable decision over Domingo Mena in a middles eight and Lopez Durban shared honors with Rafael Gayo in a feathers eight.

Berlin—A group of dusky-skinned Empire fighters invaded Berlin to challenge some of the top-ranking Teutons. A crowd of 15,000 was attracted to the Deutschland Hall, chiefly to watch local favorite Gus Scholz versus the Tonga battler, Johnny Halafihi. At 172, Hellfire Johnny had a weight advantage over the European middles champ, but no corresponding pull in height or reach. Scholz proved the more decisive and accurate puncher and was too fast for Halafihi, who never gave up trying to nail the elusive Berliner. The fifth was the Tongan's best round but even then he was knocked half through the ropes by three of Scholz's crisp punches. Scholz won by a clear margin.

The next foe for Gus the Great will be Peter Mueller, in a title slam, and Black Peter was also on display that night. Against cagey Attu Clottey, Mueller cut a rather poor figure. The result was a draw but Mueller lost some prestige.

Sifa Kivalu, 198, tried to bulldoze handsome Ulli Nitzschke, 200, but found the former student ready for anything. Precise left-handers nearly jerked the Tongan's head from his shoulders but he kept charging forward. In the second round, Nitzschke set his man up for a right and then fired it, copping Kivalu smack on the whiskers. The Tongan reeled back, recovered, charged headlong into another deadly right to the chin which dropped him for the full count.

Dieter Wemhoener, 172, won a close one from Harry Dodoo of Ghana, despite a badly cut eye and Horst Borzoskowski, 157 gained an unpopular nod over Ali Belkacem of Algeria over six rounds.

Algeciras, Spain—Manolo Garcia obliged Jose Cadalso to retire in the eighth round of their feathers slam here at the Bull Ring.

At **Barcelona**, Perez Ros stopped an unknown Portuguese cruiser called Joao Ramires in one round and Moktar whipped Ramon Garriga in a welter eight.

In **Madrid**, Bobby Ros was again in action, whipping Luis Quintero of Teneriffe over ten rounds at the Campo del Gas. Quintero was saved by the gong in round three.

Tito Gomez of Argentina won over Ramon Almenara in an excellent lightie eight and Tony Gutierrez rehabilitated himself somewhat by thrashing Jose Bengoa in a welter eight.

Aosta, Italy—Paolo Cottino stopped rugged Hans Schweizer, Swiss welter turned middleweight, in four here and Zambon decisioned Retmia Mohamed in a lightie eight.

At **La Spezia**, Aldo Pellegrini made a return to ring warfare after a long absence. Aldo's one claim to fame is that he is the only professional to have floor Ingemar Johansson. In his bout with Bonino Allevi,

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 21, 1959

	HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1.	Inge. Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2.	Mino Bozzano (I)	Sante Amonti (I)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3.	Hans Kalbfell (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Peter Mueller (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
4.	Ulli Ritter (G)	Guilio Rinaldi (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Fortunato Manca (I)
5.	Franco Cavicchi (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Stefan Redl (G)
6.	Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Dom Baccheschi (I)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Maurice Auzel (F)
7.	Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
8.	Ilkka Koski (FN)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Rolf Peters (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
9.	Toerner Ahsman (SW)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Leen Jansen (H)	Michel Lombardet (F)
10.	Albert Westphal (G)	Lennart Risberg (SW)	Michel Diouf (F)	Diego Infantes (S)

	LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1.	Lahouri Godith (F)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2.	Fred Galiana (S)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Young Martin (S)
3.	Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Jean Guerard (F)
4.	Fernand Nollet (F)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
5.	Guy Gracia (F)	Giordano Campari (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Rene Libeer (F)
6.	Aissa Hashas (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Kamara Diop (F)
7.	Guizani Rezgui (T)	Antoine Martin (F)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Andre Gasperini (F)
8.	Manuel Sosa (F)	Rene Barriere (F)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)
9.	Bobby Ros (S)	Andre Vairolatto (F)	Sugar Ray (H)	Salvatore Manca (I)
10.	Conny Rudhoff (G)	J. L. Martinez (S)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Giacomo Spano (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

he was himself floor twice during the third round but came back to stop the Milanese in the fifth after a hectic exchange of rib-benders.

At **Trieste**, the local war-cloud, Aldo Pravisani, chilled Stan Sobolak of France in the fifth of a feathers fray and Elio Busetto nodded Mario Calcaterra in a lightie eight.

Rheims, France—Paul Roux won clearly over tough Lou Mourros in a cruiser ten here in preparation for his shot at the French title.

Cagliari, Italy—The capable Dutch bantam champ, Sugar Ray, made his debut in Italian rings when he lost a close ten to Piero Rollo, the European champ. Sugar Ray, from Dutch Guiana, had a useful height and reach advantage which he used to great effect and he broke even in every round except the tenth.

Fortunato Manca won by a mile against Al Sharpe of Belfast in a welter ten and Carlo Miranda, Argentine bantam, licked Mario Sitri over ten. Salvatore Boi decisioned Ballarini in a rugged middles eight.

Cordova, Spain—Fred Galiana, still out in the sticks, trounced Ahcene Attar of Algeria by a wide points margin at the local Bull Ring while Carmelo Beraza drew with Jose Murgui in a welter eight.

At **Valencia**, Diego Infantes won easily over durable Manolo Correa in a middles ten. Veteran Jose Hernandez dropped Jose Cifuentes for "9" in the seventh and ran out handy points winner in a lightie eight.

Malaga, Spain—The national middles title continues to change hands. The current champion is now Francisco Ortega, who clearly outscored the holder, Francisco Frances, over twelve rounds.

At **Oviedo**, Mariano Echevarria retained his cruiser title by belting out Juan Amaya in round eleven.

On the same bill, Manolo Garcia took on lightweight Frank Garcia and the two Garcias quite rightly fought to a split decision over ten rounds.

Rotterdam, Holland—The fight season opened here at the Riviera Hall with Leen Jansen obtaining an unpopular win over the German, Erich Walter. The latter had been inactive for over a year but he gave the Hollander quite a mauling.

Darius Dhlomo, a colorful South African, made his European debut by whipping Gerhard Moll over six rounds. The African plays for a Dutch football team and also rates as a crooner.

Another scrapper on the comeback trail is Nico Schoenmaker, former welter champ now boxing as a lightheavy. He trimmed Guenter Huber in six rounds.

Brussels—In a mediocre bout, Jef Janssens earned the dicision against Manola Correa of Spain in a middles ten while Carl Van Neste, welter hope, did well to defeat Michel Francois over ten rounds.

At **Ghent**, two title frays attracted a good attendance. For some technical reasons, Van Neste has been deprived of his welter title and Emile Vlaemynck stopped Robert Brysse in four to become the new champion. Louis van Hoeck retained the lightweight bauble by stopping game Roger Verhelst in the ninth session. Jean Hoeffler was ruled out in the ninth round of his middles bout with Bob Stevens.

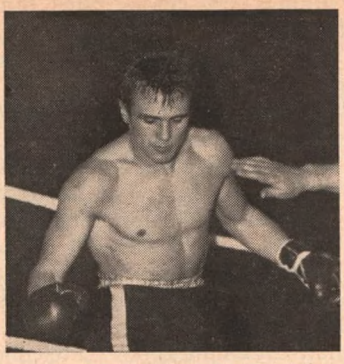
Dortmund, Germany—Only about 5,000 spectators attended the Westfalen Hall when Erich Schoeppner topped the bill against Bill Whittaker of England. Whittaker fought well enough to hold the German at distance until the fifth, when he took two counts and a further count in the next round. But Schoeppner failed to finish it in grand style and the stolid Warwick lasted the distance to lose on points.

Hans Kalbfell, 201, won clearly over Federico Friso of Italy but took a count of "8" towards the end. Best scrapper on the card was Harry Kurschat, 135, who engaged in a furious lightweight slam with Fioravante Merlo of Italy which ended with Kurschat winning on points over an utterly exhausted Merlo.

Albert Westphal, 191, did not impress in beating Sergio Biggioggero over eight rounds. Heinz Winkler, 140, won very narrowly over Herbert Schilling and Helmut Mistol, 148, stopped valiant Luigi Furio of Italy in round eight.

Helmut Ball engaged in a hectic cruiser eliminator with Hans Ducree, being knocked sprawling himself before catching his foe with a battery of punches in the seventh. Ducree offered no defense and soon collapsed through the ropes, cracking his head on the ring-floor. He was counted out and had to be carried to the dressing-room.

Geneva, Switzerland—Mario Vecchiatto paid a call to the Canton Republic where he tangled with Epiphane Akono before a crowd of 5,000 at the Ice Stadium. Vecchiatto proved to be no whit the worse for his unhappy



Gustav Scholz, who holds European middleweight title but seems to prefer fighting lightheavies, added to his prestige during month by pounding out decision over rugged Tongan, Johnny Halifihi.

American debut and dropped the Senegalese in the fourth and tenth rounds, winning by a wide points margin.

Nick Maric, tough middle from Tito-land, forced the retirement of Paolo Cottino, Italy, in the sixth session and another Yugoslav, Bulat, won over Lenoir of France, who was ruled out for hitting low in the second heat of a lightie slam.

Paris—There was a poor attendance at the Mutualite despite the fact that such redoubtable hitters as Valignat and Antoine Martin topped the bill. Trapped against the ropes, Valignat stopped a left hook which dropped for a count. The bell sounded at "4" but despite the interval, he was unable to come out for the second round. Jean Beaufrenez beat Moka Djemal in a feathers six, in two bantam slams, Jacques Ilari nodded Sylla and Pierre Leblond laced Jahier.

St. Quentin, France—Paul Roux is generally the star here but another cruiser was invited in, possibly a future threat to Roux—Wladis Kopec. The blond Pole is a crisp hitter and he disposed of Joseph Landsheere in two rounds; in all fairness, however, not a significant victory.

At **St. Dizier**, Jean Dantes stopped Pierre Stanzack in the sixth of a feathers scramble.

Milan, Italy—A tremendous battle took place between Dom Baccheschi and Plinio Scarabellin at the Ice Palace, with 4,000 fans yelling their heads off. Baccheschi had the youthful Venetian on the brink of a knock-out in the third but a round later it was Baccheschi's turn to stagger helplessly under a fusillade of blows. But he survived to break down Scarabellin by the eighth round, when the ref stopped the fight.

Giacomo Spano fought an excellent bantam affair with Carlos Miranda which ended in a draw after eight rounds and Bruno Fortilli won over Sisto Tisselli in a mediocre middles eight. Gheda, a cruiser from Brescia, nodded a lanky Venetian named Fuga over six rounds.

Vienna, Austria—The City Hall was packed out with 15,000 spectators when Laszlo Papp returned to action after an enforced layoff due to a hand injury. His opponent was an obscure Brooklyn middleweight named Bill Tate, possessor of a somewhat erratic record. Tate had no defense against the sharpshooting Magyar, who dropped him in the second round with a hook to the liver and knocked out the visitor in round three.

More American visitors featured on the program though they were of the ham-and-egg variety. Jimmy Slade, past his prime, lost out in a ten-rounder to Alain Cherville, 193, and some credit must go to the Belgian for this victory despite his 17-lb. weight advantage.

Leo Potesil clashed with a smart welter from Baltimore, Artie Cunningham, who fought at great speed. Despite a knockdown scored during round eight, Cunningham was adjudged to have lost to the Austrian after ten rounds.

Rome—Due to the non-appearance of Manolo Garcia for his scheduled bout with Campari, Promoter Zappulla hurriedly engaged the services of Germano Cavalieri and Alberto Mancini, two national lightweight stars. Mancini, still on the way up, surprised by outclassing Cavalieri in nearly every round and won by a clear margin over eight rounds.

Ilario Marfut, bearer of a name illustrious in the annals of Italian boxing, stopped Giovanni Lovari in the third heat of a lightie slam. Franco Pinto won a disputed welter eight from Ali ben Bechir of Tunisia.

Castoldi won a close welter slam against Elio Busetto and in the second main spot, Gene Johns, popular American Negro, halted the game Terabusi in the sixth round of a middles slam after handing out an unmerciful pasting.

Terracina, Italy—The local middles star, Armando Mattei, was taken out of action by the referee due to a cut eye and his opponent, Paulon, declared winner. Mattei had previously issued a challenge to all Italian middleweights.

At **Cremona**—Rino Borra returned to action with a points win over Frenchman Andre Guyon in eight rounds and Emiliano Possessi scraped home a close winner against Chaquitano, a French lightweight novice, in six rounds.

Paris—At the Salle Wagram, Seraphin Ferrer showed little of his old ability against Jack Subero of Trinidad, except perhaps punch. He stopped the Negro in round seven but failed to impress.

Paris—At the Salle Wagram, Fernand Nollet at last came into his own when he defeated Manuel Sosa for the vacant French lightweight title, via the points route. Nollet, a fighter from Martinique, has been campaigning in European rings for the past seven years and this is the first time he has had a title-shot. He lost a very close affair to Willie Toweel last year and has been a popular guest in Italy.

At the Central, Jean Debondant, welter prospect from Bourges, stopped Retmia Mahrez in seven and Brahim Kettani gained a much-needed win over Jackie Houzard in a welter six.

Stockholm, Sweden—British visitors met with varying success in the Swedish capital, where local star Lennart Risberg reaped some glory by trouncing tough Eddie Wright in a lightheavy eight.

Pekka Kokkonen, the blockbusting Finn, left his Sunday punch in Helsinki. He "froze" in his lightheavy slam with Ron Redrup and lost on points to the Londoner, getting his left eye cut in the process.

Kimpo Amarfio of Ghana decisioned the Swedish feather, Werner Wasen, over six rounds but Ron Jones was stopped in round six by tough little Lajos Flesser, Hungarian bantam.

Jemappes, Belgium—The national middles title returned to its former owner when Richard Bouchez tangled with veteran Emile Delmine in a twelve-rounder here. Bouchez got the nod.

In a welter eight, Yves Cornez decisioned another oldster Georges Devos.

Madrid, Spain—The long-awaited battle between Fred Galiana and Bobby Ros took place amid the frenzied shouts of their rival supporters. Galiana has had a brilliant career, Ros a plodding one, yet whenever these two have clashed, it has been the tough, methodical Ros who got the better of his more talented rival. But this time Galiana made it stick.

The Toledo Blade boxed like his old self, side-stepping the rushing Ros with the coolness of a matador. He rocked the champ in round eight but Ros came back in the ninth very strongly. In the eleventh, Fierce Fred smacked Bobby down for two counts and won the bout hands down.

The star of Diego Infantes also gained somewhat in brilliance when the Madrileno succeeded in defeating talented Jacques Nervi, the Franco-Italian welter prospect. Infantes enjoys top billing in Spain but Nervi is the first battler of international merit he has defeated. Luis Folledo, another welter comer, whipped modest Roland Goujon of France over eight rounds.

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WHERE WILL IT ALL LEAD?

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job for which they were appointed rather than to the dollars they can toss into the state treasury, or the prestige they think they are obtaining by sponsoring an important boxing match regardless of who is involved.

Had the New York Commission acted as it should have when Cus D'Amato flaunted its rules and regulations in setting up his empire, had the Indianapolis Commission shunted Cus to the sidelines when he was permitted to run the whole London-Patterson show in that state and violate sports ethics by assigning his own trainer to act as supervisor of the London training camp, had the New York Commission insisted on obedience to its rules in forcing D'Amato and his henchmen to file legitimate contracts for the Patterson-Johansson bout, we wouldn't have faced the present mess in boxing.

The investigation in New York, a long drawn-out affair, has not aided the sport one iota. Instead of tossing the book on all concerned in the recent messy Johansson-Patterson promotion, the Commission failed in its duty to the public by suspending Messrs. Vellela, D'Amato and Rosensohn and banning Charley Black from further participation in any form in boxing or even attending boxing shows in New York. But since these men already were under suspension, the Commission's decision means little to the betterment of boxing.

Every one associated with that messy affair should have been banished from boxing. D'Amato's fighters, based on his machinations to the detriment of the sport, should have been declared free agents.

Instead, the commission's weak-kneed decision, a maneuver apparently decided on to save the next Patterson-Johansson fight for New York, has become the laughing stock among those who had expected so much with what District Attorney Hogan had tossed into the laps of the moguls for action and had received so little.

Now we may even expect D'Amato to be welcomed with open arms when he finally decides to attend the New York Commission hearing and perhaps receive a public apology for the trouble the commission has given him.

The government's case is based on evidence it alleges it possesses of attempted extortion and threats of physical violence unless the manager of Jordan turned over half of the ownership of the world welter king to the mob, represented by Palermo and Carbo.

Several years ago Palermo, giving a talk at one of the managers' Guild annual dinners, said among other things: *"The trouble with boxing today is that legitimate businessmen are horning in on our game."*

That's exactly what the future needs—legitimate folks taking over and ousting the gangsters who have infested international boxing. The hoods who have hoodwinked boxing commissions, have defied law enforcement agencies and have gone about their work unmolested, have finally learned to their dismay that a misstep—the use of interstate communications via telephone calls, has brought the Federal authorities into action and political influence and financial aid from the "Big Shots" of the underworld, won't do them much good.

The Federal action in California closely followed the exposure of the frauds perpetrated in the recent heavyweight championship promotion in which Bill Rosensohn, Vincent Vellela, Cus D'Amato and Charley Black figured so prominently. They set a patterm such as boxing never before had seen and added new scars to the already hard-hit boxing empire.

Here are a few suggestions which if adopted, would help the sport:

1—Rules and regulations, such as do not interfere with the laws under which a commission carries out its duties, should be uniform. If for example, a fighter, manager, promoter or matchmaker is banned in any one state, that ban should be honored in every state regardless of affiliation.

State commission should permit such person to work. Too frequently, members of the National Boxing Association, eager to kowtow to the "Big Shots", ignore their own rules by granting permission to suspended persons or those who licenses has been revoked in other parts of the country. Cooperation—Unity—they are two very important factors in the remedies required to halt the influx of hoodlums.

2—The appointment of competent officials as referees and judges, men well versed in boxing instead of political hangers-on.

3—The appointment of at least one member of a State Commission who either has been a boxer of note with a reputation for honesty and ability, or a sports writer with a deep interest in boxing and a firm knowledge of the sport.

4—Make it mandatory to have all boxers, managers, matchmakers, seconds and promoters finger-printed.

5—Refuse to issue a license to any person who has been convicted of a felony and is out on parole, unless the commission obtains a request from such person's parole officer based on the good behavior report in the habilitation of the applicant. A person who has been released from further control of the Parole Board and has become again a free member of society should not be banned from obtaining a license.

6—Prosecute promoters or matchmakers who are found to have a financial interest in any boxers.

7—Have the fee of all officials assigned to handle a fight program paid from the funds of the State Athletic Commission instead of by the club. Such procedure would remove one of the major handicaps now confronting those who seek to promote fights on a small scale. Smaller organizations, so badly needed for the development of talent, would thrive. It also would make officials more independent in rendering decisions.

8—A system of uniform scoring should be adopted for all states to end present day confusion.

The appointment of a Law Enforcement Agent as Executive Officer of the Boxing Commission in each state.

The mobster factor, more so than any other cause, has been instrumental in bringing boxing down to its present low level. The removal of the gangster element is essential if the sport is to regain public confidence.

How best to eradicate the evils is what the various investigations have been seeking. Would Federal control do it as many legislators have urged? Our answer is a definite no.

Federal control would remove from the States the rights they now have under legislative powers to rule boxing. The political angle, so prevalent in the present set-up of national boxing, would continue and probably to a greater extent than now.

As I frequently remarked while on a recent tour of the West, on radio, on television and in interviews, there is no commission that has been functioning so well and obtaining such excellent results the California body. It is by far the finest boxing commission in our country if not world-wide.

What has made it so?

The appointment of a Law Enforcement Officer Jack Urch, who works as an executive officer of the commission and has a special staff of investigators who in cooperation with Attorney General Most's department, ferrets out the wrong-doers—no matter what their station in public life. He has succeeded in weeding them out of boxing, either by the action of the State Athletic Commission or through Federal or State indictments.

What has been accomplished in California can be accomplished in all other States. It is the best way to curb the scoundrals who have by degrees taken boxing out of the hands of those to whom it belongs—the public—and placed into the hands of gangs with mob rule supplanting legalized rule.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

KNOCKED OUT TWICE IN THE ONE FIGHT—the same man crowned twice! Shades of the Dempsey-Willard fight. GEORGE BRACKEN, Australia's best lightweight, knocked out South African lightweight champion and former welter champion of the British Empire, JOHNNY VAN RENSBURG, in the first round at Melbourne Stadium. With the crowd wild with excitement, the referee did not hear the bell end the round during the count. He finished the count, crowned Bracken winner by kayo then was told by the timekeeper that the round had ended some eight seconds before.

Immediately the place became bedlam. The crowd did not know what had happened until an announcement was made. Kid Young, Bracken's trainer, argued with the referee that he had given his decision so the fight had ended. The referee, Terry Reilly, explained that Bracken would have to continue otherwise he would have to disqualify the Aussie.

Young saw reason and the bout went on—over two minutes after the first round ended.

In the fifth round Bracken cut loose again and knocked out Van Rensburg. Johnny was counted out for the second time in the fight.

▶GEORGE BARNES, who defended his Empire welter crown successfully in a grand fight with Australian Billy Todd last month, fought VAN RENSBURG at the Brisbane Festival Hall and lost on points. George was away below form, but these days he seems to be a title fighter only, reserving his best form for title tilts.

▶At Brisbane, Queensland State lightweight champion GARY COWBURN knocked out the former Australian featherweight champion GEORGE FLEMMING in the third round. It was Gary's fifth professional fight. As yet he has not been beaten.

▶The same night in Melbourne Italian lightweight FRANCO ROSINI was much too good for Ausie DES ASHE, the fight being stopped in the ninth. Ashe was game but outclassed.

▶DAVID FLOYD, Sydney's Golden Boy, had his third successive main-event (a ten-rounder) in three weeks at Sydney Stadium. David wasn't troubled to stop tough GEORGE BERIS in six rounds. Three weeks later FLOYD met TOMMY HEPPER and won by a large margin of points, but David was a very tired boy at the finish. Although a main-event fight, the contest was over only eight rounds. Floyd is the best prospect this country has had since Jimmy Carruthers. He is a featherweight.

▶Australian featherweight champion WALLY TAYLOR had a very easy points win over Englishman JOHNNY HOWARD at the Festival Hall, Brisbane.

▶STEVE RADULY, Australian light-heavyweight champion, stopped BOB MURDOCH in four rounds at Sydney Stadium.

▶Israeli lightweight DAVID OVED outpointed Englishman JOHNNY BUTTERWORTH in a rugged fight at Melbourne Stadium. A rematch is in order.

▶Irishman MICK LEAHY had his second win over Australian middleweight champion CLIVE STEWART when he stopped him in six rounds at Sydney Stadium. A cut eye brought the stoppage, but Clive was being systematically beaten and had taken two counts. On September 21, Leahy kayoed Brian Sheehan in the first round after dropping the Australian with the first punch, the kayo followed shortly after.

▶Southpaw featherweight prospect from Victoria, LES McLEAN outpointed POPEYE McNAIR over twelve rounds at Melbourne Stadium in a hard fight.

▶The following week two southpaws faced each other at the Melbourne Stadium. They are lightweights STEVE NITTES and STAN HAYWARD. The latter faded over the last couple of rounds and Steve won a points verdict in a hard fight.

▶The Old Maestro trainer JACK DUNLEAVY has been ill in hospital for some time and a committee of sportsmen are conducting a benefit for him in appreciation of the wonderful job Jack has done for Australian boxing over the years and in appreciation of a grand fellow. Jack fought in USA around 1914 and later trained many Australian champions.

▶A number of Australian champions of the past have passed into the Great Beyond in recent weeks. JACK READ, former lightweight champion (around 1914), was one. His cheerful face is being missed. Jack fought in USA and began a journalism career in the States—a career he followed after retirement from boxing.

▶BOB GREENSHIELDS, lightweight champion in 1909, ALBERT LLOYD, heavyweight champion in the 'twenties, TOMMY CROWLE, featherweight champion in 1929-30, AL WHITE, flyweight champion of 30 odd years ago, also met the Grim Reaper.

▶Former promoter MIKE MAREE was another to leave us. Then there was the former American fighter DICK CULLEN. Dick was the first American to fight in Australia—at the beginning of the century. He fought many grand battles here and later became a trainer. He trained a few fighters to Australian titles and he was well respected.

▶Stadiums Ltd have brought in a rule that any overseas fighter who has been a resident in Australia for a period of six months qualifies for a shot at an Australian title (providing he has the ability). Previously the qualification period was one year.

NEWS FROM TORONTO CANADA

By Jacques Tachauer

AT MAPLE LEAF GARDENS BEFORE A CROWD of 4,000 fans, Canadian heavyweight champion, George Chuvalo of Toronto, returned to the ring wars after a ten month lay off and stopped Frankie Daniels of Bakersfield, California. Chuvalo showing lots of ring rust. He weighed 217¾, the heaviest of his career, and dropped Daniels, 190¾, once in the fifth and again in the seventh. The official time of the ending was 1:35 of the seventh round. It was Chuvalo's 9th K.O. in 12 wins, against 3 defeats and one draw.

Gordon Baldwin, 192, of Toronto, dropped Tom Cummings, 187, Toronto, in the fourth but lost by a split decision after six rounds. Gord Mullin, 150, Toronto, won a unanimous six round decision over Ritchie Stewart, 149, Syracuse, N. Y.

Les Bagi, 136, Toronto, won on a T.K.O. over Fernand Chretien, 135¾, Toronto, in 2.19 of the fourth. Benny Randell, 129, Toronto, took a six round unanimous decision over Harry Ridge, 123¾, Toronto.

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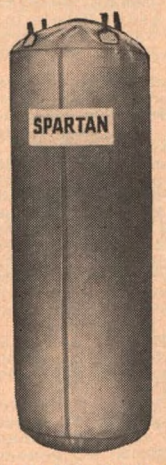

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SCENE IN MONTREAL
By Gil Smith

BOXING CONTINUED ON THE UP-SWING IN Canada's Metropolis, with an action-packed fight card staged by Promoter Jacques Chevrier at the Mont St. Louis Auditorium.

A capacity crowd contributed a gross gate of $4,500 to see Montreal's Bombing Bob Cleroux, 206, hammer out a T.K.O. over the Maritime heavyweight champ, Cecil Gray, 192; in 1:57 minutes of round two. Referee Nick Nicolo halted proceedings before two minutes of the round had elapsed. There were no knockdowns.

It was a fine win for the 21 year old, thunder-punching Montrealer, who now has fourteen wins and one draw in sixteen starts. He is attracting a large following locally.

Billy Picket, a stylish New York middleweight who has adopted Montreal as a second home, outpointed Cleveland Zanders over the eight round route in a pleasing bout. Jerry Perry of Cleveland had too much on the ball for Canada's Gerry Simpson, and was awarded a six round decision in a featherweight go. In the opening four, ex-Golden Glove champion Claude Labonte defeated Gerry Leroux via decision.

YVON DURELLE, Canadian and British Empire light heavyweight titleholder, made his first appearance in the Province since the Moore fight, a winning one. The Fighting Fisherman headlined a card at the Agricultural Palace on Quebec City's exhibition grounds, and pounded out a unanimous decision over Newark's Charlie Jones, in a tenner.

Durelle, weighing 186¾, set a non-stop pace against Jones, 204½, from bell to bell, but was unable to floor the New Jerseyite.

Judge Camille Angers had it for Yvon 47-45, while Claude Faugy saw it 48-44 and Joe Lippe scored him ahead at the finish by only a single point at 47-46.

IN THE SEMI-FINAL, over the eight round route, Quebec's Dave Hilton, who is Canadian Featherweight Champ, took the decision over Montrealer Andre Milette in a lightning-fast bout that was a real crowd pleaser. Hilton weighed-in at 130, while Milette scaled 132.

Joey Durelle, 148 pound cousin of Yvon stopped Kid Morris Houde of Quebec via a T.K.O. in the third round of a scheduled six round prelim. Houde, 147¼, was decked three times before the fray was halted.

BOB CLEROUX, 210, of Montreal, filled the bill nicely for the September 28th fight card at Mont St. Louis, when he blasted out a two round technical kayo over Miguel Alvarez, 219. The hard socking French Canadian, who is the top contender for the Canadian heavyweight title held by Toronto's George Chuvalo, dumped Alvarez twice with smashing overhand rights and had him hanging helplessly on the ropes, when the referee stopped proceedings.

In so doing, Bob the Bomber posted his fifteenth victory in seventeen tries, against one loss and a draw. Time of the T.K.O. was 1:09 of the second stanza.

Billy Pickett, 156, of Montreal via New York halted Dormy Cooper of St. Louis, Mo., in the second. Cooper scaled 162. Ronny Cohen, 142½, New Rochelle, N. Y., pounded Clement Sarrazin, 144, Montreal, into submission in the fourth. Montreal's former amateur star, Claude Labonte stiffened Rejean Robert of Three Rivers, Quebec, in three. Labonte weighed 135; his opponent 133½.

MARITIME NEWS
By Fred Bishop

The following are results for the Canadian Maritimes, month of September.

Saint John, N. B.—Yvon Durelle, 183, Baie Ste. Anne, N. B., high-lighted a six bout card to raise money for the N. B. Fishermen's Disaster Fund. He boxed two four rounders, in one he stopped Hughie Fairfax, 190, Amherst N. S. in two and then went four rounds against John Russell, 185, Saint John, N. B.

Jackie Hayden, 140, Westville, outpointed Bobby Speight, 140, Saint John, in six.

Milo Blizzard, 135, Tracey N. B. had a rough time outpointing tough Ed Bojour, 132, Saint John, six. Hard hitting Paul Anderson, 142, Moncton, N. B. scored a T.K.O. over Ron MacDonald, 139, Charlottetown, P.E.I., at 1:05 of the first. In the opening four, Doug. Hogan, 141, Saint John, kayoed Ernie Best, 138, Saint J. in the second.

New Glasgow, N. S.—Rugged Doug. Odo, 156, Thorburn, N. S., hammered out a clean-cut win over Nick Kovac, 153, Moncton, N. B., in a ten-round slugging match at the Stadium. Odo scored the only knockdown.

LeRoy Jones, 128, Halifax, was awarded a four-round T.K.O. over Leo Steele, 127, Charlottetown, as Steele refused to continue, claiming Jones was butting him. Both judges had Steele ahead throughout.

In fours—Les Gillis, 131, Antigonish, surprised with a good win over Jimmy Poulton, 128, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Alife Biggs, 128, Halifax, stopped Danny Turnbull, 126, Stellarton in one, and Bill Chisholm, 117, Pictou, outpointed Ricky Corkum, 115, Halifax.

Chatham, N. B.—Yvon Durelle, Ste Anne, N. B., 190, making his official debut as a heavyweight, was fed a soft touch in Al Anderson, New York, 185, and cut him down in four rounds.

Halifax, N. S.—Blair Richardson, 156, South Bar, pounded Gaston Roy, 159, Moncton, N. B., into submission in seven wild rounds. Richardson was warned a couple of times for low blows, one of which floored Roy. Richardson was awarded an eight-round T.K.O. as Roy refused to come out claiming foul.

In a co-featured 10, Lenny Sparks, 144, Halifax, gave the game veteran Kieth Paris, 146, New Glasgow, a bad going over throughout. Sparks scored a knockdown in the opening round.

Kervin Richardson, 134, South Bar, 15-year-old brother of Blair, stopped Honeyboy Carvery, 138, Halifax, in two and, Jonnie Dupre, 130, Dartmouth, outpointed Spider Sparks, 131, Halifax, in four.

Quebec City—Yvon Durelle, 186, Baie Ste Annes, N. B., scored an unanimous decision in ten rounds over Charlie Jones, 204, New York, in a slow fight. Durelle was in charge from the opening bell.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

BONNIE ESPINOSA, 135, REGAINED THE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP of the Philippines when he badly outpointed Nursery Kid, 135, in their rematch of 12 rounds at the Seawall Boxing Stadium of Bacolod City. Nursery won the title from Espinosa last August 17, making him a champion for only 19 days.

Nursery only won two rounds, the 4th and 6th and the rest were widely won by Bonnie. The pride of Victorias, Negros Occidental tried for an opening where he could land his haymaker that fell Bonnie in their first title bout in Dumaguete but the Veteran was always cautious and was always found peppering his rival with left and right hooks and jabs which landed mostly on the Kid's face. Bonnie had cleverly studied the fighting style of Nursery, who became a novice before his more experienced opponent.

The title rematch was decided by referee Felipe Hernandez and judges Mariano Dinglasan and Ricardo dela Pena. Bonnie received the championship belt donated by Governor Valeriano Gatuslao of Negros Occidental.

Vera Cruz, 116 of San Carlos defeated Articulo Lory, 117 of Victorias in 10. Bert Navarro, 120 bested Dommy Ornupia in 8. Vic Garcia, 126 kayoed Dommy Noble, 124 in 4. Small Joe, 112 outpointed Ernie Galvez, 111 in 4. Las Tiere, 110 beat Baby Torion, 111 in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Young Terror, 125 badly outpointed Larry Brown, 121 in 10 round main event in Manila. Young is again back on his trail after he had rested for years after his defeat from Baby Brown, who is now in Los Angeles. Brown was downed twice, once in the first round and in the second. Brown won only the 4th and the rest went to the fighter from the south but he proved to be a tough nut to crack and absorbed all the punishment like a blotter.

▶ Fighting San Carlos, 133 won the unanimous decision over Fil Ravalo, 133 in 8. Flash Manzano, 120 defeated veteran Baby Ross, 118 in another 8 rounder.

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FROM OUR READERS

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Lake Tribune". Said article concerns the status of Gene Fullmer and Marv Jenson in the wake of Gene's excellent performance in defeating Carmen Basilio and, thus, winning the NBA version of the middleweight championship.

You will note that the article quotes Marv Jenson, Fullmer's manager, as saying, *"We'd like to have the NBA name Gene's next opponent, but we have waited a long time and we are going to fight the opponent who will bring in the most money at the gate. We have a $5,000 deposit with the NBA to fight the man of their choice, but we wouldn't mind losing the $5,000 if a better fight came along. If we can't get a legitimate offer where we can make some real money, $5,000 won't make us fight Webb just to be fighting."*

Spider Webb is named, of course, because Fullmer has contracted to fight within ninety (90) days, the opponent named by the NBA and Spider Webb is the obvious choice because (1) of the ease with which Fullmer defeated Basilio and (2) because the NBA ranks Spider Webb above Robinson.

Marv Jenson and Gene Fullmer are saying that they will not honor the contractual commitment which they undertook to obtain their shot at Basilio and, thus, recognition by the NBA as champion. This attitude, to say the least, is very unfair and highly unethical (especially for two people who have been scathing in their denunciation of Sugar Ray Robinson who has refused to fight because of Uncle Sam's tax laws).

Jack D. Jones
Kearns, Utah

HIGH MORALS

Dear Sirs:

Please accept my sincere thanks for a splendid magazine that has maintained the highest standards over a period of years. Certainly you have done more to foster the understanding and appreciation of boxing than any other single media. In religious ethics, we speak of a person who ignores an obvious fact as: "being unable to see the water for the sea."

You do not fall in this class. They criticized Robinson and even stripped him of his title for not defending oftener. Now affable Johansson will not defend within a year either. But the culprit is not the fighter, but high taxes. That's where we need help.

Father Lewis Bohler, Jr.
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

MARCIANO WAS GREAT

Dear Sirs:

I always enjoy Bob Allen's "A-round and A-bout" feature and wish to compliment his tribute to former champion Rocky Marciano's prowess as a great champion.

Marciano once said, *'I've never picked an opponent and never dodged one'.* During his reign as champion, no better words could have been spoken and proven by him.

Probably no more brutal fight can be recalled than the first Walcott-Marciano fight; and Marciano fought under great, very great handicap. There was the problem of Walcott's manager accused of smearing vaseline Capsicum on Walcott's gloves before the 6th round; this almost blinded Rocky during the 7th and 8th rounds. Said Rocky, "fought Walcott on instinct alone and how I ever survived, I do not know."

The blow that felled Walcott in the 13th round was as well timed and executed as any knockout of ring history. Walcott dropped like an Ox and was cold for several minutes.

Yes—Marciano was very great that night he won the title and great in every fight he defended his title. I agree with you he rated far better than the ring experts place him alongside the others —but I doubt if any one of them could have beaten him.

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NEW YORK STATE FAIR PLAYS HOST

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through their training chores. Three rings were in operation. The boxers started each session with regular training camp workouts that lasted half an hour after which the guest talks and my lectures followed. Then came the showing of the fight pictures to wind up the session.

When I asked Fullmer if, unable to come to terms with Webb, he would try to get Robinson, he replied:

"If Ray comes off his high horse and agrees to meet me on even terms, that's the one fight I'd like to obtain. But it all depends on my bout with Webb which is first on the agenda."

Norman Rothchild, Syracuse Boxing Promoter, who promoted the Boxing Cavalcade, added:

"A Fullmer-Robinson fight in Madison Square Garden would be the biggest bout of the year. I hope it can be made. I'm going to see Ray after the Fair is over. It would be the rubber match and should draw a full house and an excellent offer from Gillette as TV sponsor. I've already sent out feelers to Ray."

Louis, asked what he thought about Floyd Patterson and his difficulties, replied:

"Poor management and inept refereeing by Ruby Goldstein caused Patterson to lose his title to Johansson. Patterson has all the tools to be a great champion but he hasn't learned a thing since he turned pro and I blame it all on Cus D'Amato who has mismanaged him. It's all his fault."

Asked whether he didn't meet many poorly suited opponents in his career that enabled him to roll up twenty-five successful title defenses, Joe replied:

"I met the best there were. I took on any contender from the Number One man down. I never picked a set-up. Every one who thought he had a legitimate claim to a championship fight, received a fight. That's quite different from what Patterson's manager selected for him."

Marciano, discussing his possible comeback about which he was asked, replied that he has gymnasiums in his homes in Brockton and in Florida and has been doing light training, *"merely to reduce."*

"I've given a story to The Ring Magazine in which I explain my position. I am not thinking of a comeback now. As of now I can't say whether I'll make a comeback. I read about a million and even two million offer for me to fight again, but no one has come to me with such fabulous offers. One has to think the matter over very carefully when he has been in retirement four years and weighs 212 pounds," Rocky laughed.

JOEY DONOVAN

The reason why lightweight Joey Donovan boxes like a seasoned veteran —though he's had but twenty-one pro fights—is that he began to exchange punches at the tender age of eight. Until Joey started boxing for cash, on Oct. 29, 1956, he'd battled his way through 98 PAL tilts and 4 bouts as a simonpure.

"Actually Donovan has been campaigning as a pro about three years," explains manager Nickie Gerard. *"He'd dropped out of the ring for quite a spell. But now he's back, more determined than ever not only to make boxing his career but to become a success at it."*

Watching the Astoria, L. I., scrapper's flashy style, the rapid and precise manner he has of delivering wallops, and hearing his large following cheering for him, you feel that Joey Donovan is moving into popularity.

Born in New York 25 years ago, Joey has one sister. He curtailed high school in his second year to enlist in the Army —where he served three years, spending 10 months in Korea. *"During my absence from the ring,"* he explains, *"I worked as a laborer for a construction company. It helped toughen me for fighting."*

Joey is an effective infighter—a rarity these days. He can take it and loves to come back fighting.

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LAS VEGAS NOTES
By Red Greb

AL (TIGER) WILLIAMS WAS AFTER REVENGE—and he got it. Loser to localite, Eddie Andrews, a month earlier, Williams left no doubt as to who was the victor this time. Williams, a boxing specialist, pierced the Andrews defense easily with his piston-like left jabs. Williams' potent right-cross also added to Eddie's woes.

Andrews staggered Williams in the 10th round but the clever Angeleno quickly regained his composure and resorted to his crafty boxing until the final bell.

Referee Jimmy Wilson, an import from Van Nuys, Cal., scored the bout 49-40 for Williams. Judge Ray Lassard tallied 50-42 for Al and Judge Ralph Mosa turned in 47-43 ticket favoring Williams. Williams weighed 159; Andrews scaled 156.

Mario (Baby Moe) Macias, 123, made a return to the ring wars after a five years' absence and won from Juan Estopia, 123. Baby Moe is 31 years old. They boxed 6 rounds. Franklin Hardison, 133, trounced Edmund Edwards, 127, in a second six-rounder. Don Oldaker, 142, outslugged Frankie Elias, 140, in a four; in the opener Paul Newman, 161, stopped Yg. Bobby Harris, 159, in 2 heats.

▶IN RENO—Promoter Bill Dickson and Willie Morton both took it on the chin. Morton, 147, was bested by Frankie Ramirez, Mexicali, Mex., 141, in a torrid ten-round bout. Morton, San Jose, Cal. cutie, took two trips to the canvas against the Mexican Fireball. Both boys suffered hand injuries from the spirited battle. Because of the cold evenings, promoter Dickson has decided to go indoors for his next offering.

▶LEFT JABS—Hustlin' Jim Deskin, long an active participant in the National Boxing Association, received an appointment to the NBA's rating's committee. Deskin, a Las Vegas resident, is the Commissioner in Southern Nevada.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

BEAUMONT, BEAUMONT BOXING CLUB—In a rousing 10 round battle, Donnie Fleeman, the Midlothian mauler, gained a close verdict over the Caddo Indian Alvin Williams of Oklahoma City. It was a give-and-take slugfest. Fleeman tipped the beam at 183 and the one time national Golden Glove middleweight king scaled the same.

Harold "Tiger" Redman, 159, Beaumont, had to go all out to bang out a six round duke over the ever-trying Walter Moerbe, 158, El Campo. Danny Salazar, 143, Houston, started slowly but gained momentum after the first couple of heats and won going away over Floyd East, 143, Lake Charles, in a crowd pleasing six rounder.

Pete Herrera, 129, El Campo, who tosses dynamite from all directions, hit the mark right quick against highly touted Jerry Fowler, 126, Beaumont, and it was all over in the first round. Fowler, a good banger in his own right, yelled for a rematch. Ernie Tubbs, 138, Houston, hammered out a win over Dean Shearin, 130, Beaumont, in the four round opener.

▶**San Antonio, Texas,** Alamo Boxing Club—Lauro Salas, one time lightweight champion, stopped in the Alamo City just long enough to wage a small fistic war with promising young Frank Valdez. The result was a 10 round even-steven affair. The ex-champ weighed 129½, Valdez 127¼.

Gil Tapia, 137, Austin, southpawed his way to an eight round win over hustling little Pat McCoy, 135¾, from far away Galway. Eloy Tellez (Eloy Vann), 153, San Antonio, had his hands full with tigerish Walter Moerbe, 160½, El Campo, but managed to win the six round special.

In another six rounder, Rogelio Ruiz Sandoval, 139½, whipped the popular Jesse Gutierrez, 140. Benny Castillo, 156, decisioned Aurelio Costa, 156½, in the curtain raising four.

▶**El Paso, Texas.** Alkie Nicholson, Promoter—Jose Becerra, the world's bantamweight champion, boxed a four round exhibition with Eduardo Santos, in the border city of El Paso. In a 10 round attraction, Ramon Hernandez, 157, won over Melvin Ferguson, 150. Johnny Shaw, 131, continues to impress as he lowered the boom on Jesus Estrada, 131, in the eighth round to win by a knockout. Raymond Anderson, 206, stopped Joseph Hudson, 200½, in the fourth. Pedro Ruiz, 147, beat Jesus Lopez, 140, in four.

▶**San Antonio, Texas,** Tony Padilla, Promoter—Jose Becerra worked four brisk rounds with Jesse Leija in another stop on his exhibition tour. Eusebio "Chebo" Hernandez, 164, stopped Nolan Williams, 162, Houston, in the first heat. Williams was doing okay until he got cornered. Chebo commenced raining leather on the lanky college boy, whose feet slipped out from under him, and he crashed to the deck with a thud, where he was counted out.

Jimmy Burns, 141½, a soldier who hails from Georgia, decked Tony Beasley, 146, Houston, five times before the bout was halted in the fifth. Abelardo Varela, 140, San Antonio, tkayoed Arthur Lowe, 134, Houston, in three. Luis Leija, 119, San Antonio, stopped Melvin Mott, 123, in the fourth.

▶**Dallas, Texas**—Hugh Stone, Promoter—In his last stop of an exhibition tour of the Lone Star State, Jose Becerra, bantam Kingpin, breezed through four rounds with Henry Miramontes, former Texas champ. Curtis Cokes, 145, Dallas, whipped Melvin Ferguson, 147, in eight heats. S. D. "Sonny" Moore, 187, Dallas, edged rugged Alvin Williams, 182, Oklahoma City, in six. Johnny Shaw, 128, decisioned Al Franklin, 127, in eight. Harold "Bud" Watson, 156, stopped Waymon "Nick" Allen, 155, in the opening four.

▶**Beaumont, Texas,** Beaumont Boxing Club—Ruben Munoz outhustled and outgunned the one time high ranking Bobby Bell in the 10 round stellar attraction at the Beaumont Sportatorium. Munoz came in at 128½, Bell at 129.

Vic Graffio, 133½, Port Arthur, required but one heat to dispose of Pat "Bull" Brown, 130, Victoria. Sylvan Carlin, 127, Houston, was decked on three different occasions in the opening round, but roared back to eke out a win over hard punching Pete Herrera, 128, El Campo, in four.

Jerry Fowler, 126, Beaumont, outboxed the much more experienced Bobby Henry, 130, Beaumont, in one of the night's most thrilling encounters. Aurelio Costa, 154, El Campo, flattened Ervin "Wildman" Chaline, 148½, Lake Charles, in two rounds. Danny Felan, 145, Houston, stopped Curt Woolwine, 145, in the second.

▶**El Paso, Texas,** G. R. Licona, Promoter—Donnie Fleeman, that long armed swatter from Midlothian, set about his business in a workmanlike manner and ended matters with Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, a Los Angeles boy now living in Dallas, after six rounds of milling. Fleeman, who was putting his Texas lightheavy title up, weighed 175 and Sims 170.

Santiago Ramirez, 131, stopped Jesse Castillo, 128, in five. Juan Valles, 145, kayoed Andres Flores, 145, in one. Cosme Rodriguez, 131, iced Miguel Huerta, 132, in the second.

▶**San Antonio, Texas,** Angelo Drossos, Promoter—Joe Miceli, the New Yorker, and Mel Barker, Texas welter champ, met in a 10 round headliner in the Alamo City. It was expected to be a thriller from start to finish but Miceli received a severly lacerated eye and the slugfest was halted in the second and declared a technical draw. Miceli weighed 150, Barker 148¼. Alejandro Lavorente, 206, Argentina, looked very good in stowing away Dean Bogany, 184¼, Houston, for keeps in round three of the semi-final. Lavorente bears watching. Luis Leija, 117, San Antonio, whipped Tony Moreno, 120, San Antonio, in four. Jesse Leija, 127, San Antonio, starched Juan Perez, 126, Corpus Christi, in two frames. Carl "Tod" Herring, 194, Houston, impressed with a four round victory over rugged Charley Roberts, 209, Houston, in his pro debut.

▶**Tyler, Texas,** Earl Gilliam, Promoter—Reagan "Buddy" Turman, 186, Noonday, outmaneuvered Tommy Sims, 175, Los Angeles, in the 10 round main go. In a slambang affair, Rip Randall, 136, Tyler, came through with a win over tough Danny Salazar, 139, Houston in 10 rounds.

Ernie Tubbs, 139, Houston, stopped an ever-trying Lil' Bobby Flores, 136, Houston, in the fourth round. Lil' Bobby wowed them back in 1953 when he first turned pro with his aggressive style of battling, has now decided to call it quits. Melvin Richardson, 160, Houston, fought to a six round draw with the capable Roy Copeland, 159, Troup, with the former making his pro debut in an auspicious manner.

▶**Beaumont, Texas,** Beaumont Boxing Club—Mickey Brown, the one time Texas middleweight king, continued his good work by pounding out a well-earned 10 round verdict over the powerful left hooker. Harold "Tiger" Redman, Beaumont, and once again he'll have to be reckoned with in the 160 pound class hereabouts.

Nolan Williams, 160, Houston, outboxed the willing Walter Moerbe, 158, El Campo, in an exciting six. Ace Blackman, 155, Houston, a real fine blues singer, in his first pro start as a fighter and a whistling left hook followed with a right cross dropped Aurelio Costa, 154, El Campo, for the full count in the very first session. This boy Blackman has a great future both as a singer and fighter.

Pete Herrera, 128, El Campo, a mighty tough hombre, edged the rugged Jerry Forche, 125, Houston, in a four round chiller that kept the crowd cheering all the way.

ODDS 'n ENDS—Al Antoine, the Houston heavyweight, was a pitcher for the famed Kansas City Monarchs baseball team. . . . Roland "Swede" Carlson, the El Campo fight mentor has built himself a fine stable headed by Walter Moerbe, and including Pete Herrera, Pat Brown, Aurelio Costa, and Tom Jones. . . . Sol Moreno has one of the most feared fighters in the area in George Price, a middleweight.

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